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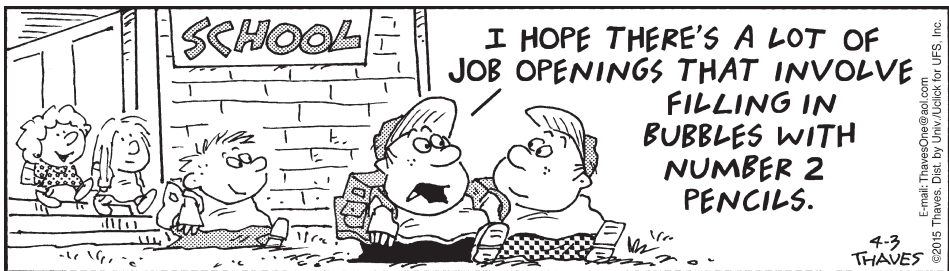
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Hungry Therapist Should Plan Ahead For Late-Morning Snack

DEAR ABBY: We have a daughter with severe developmental disabilities. Thankfully, she receives 40-plus hours of in-home therapy a week, which is covered by insurance.

Her first therapist arrives at 7:30 a.m. and leaves at 11:30 a.m. Some days, she will pick up something to eat on the way. Most days, I suspect she hasn't eaten breakfast.

About once a week she'll call out for me, asking for a snack — usually a breakfast sandwich — which I make for her. Last week, she asked for some chocolate-covered nuts I had offered her once. I told her we had eaten them. I finally put out a bowl of old hard candy to stop her from asking. She has been eating it for a while now and joking that I'm making her gain weight.

Must I continue providing her snacks or say something about her bringing her own? I am grateful for the work she does for our daughter and hope I'm not sounding petty. — UNSURE IN KANSAS

DEAR UNSURE: You should not be responsible for feeding your daughter's therapist. Have a talk with the therapist and suggest that if she's "out of fuel" at the end of your daughter's session that she bring some individually wrapped cheese sticks or fruit with her. It would be a lot healthier than what you're giving her and probably better for her.

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son and his fiancée have been kicked out of a few apartments and have asked to live with me. Wanting to help him, I agreed.

When they moved in, I gave them four rules to follow: No drugs in the house, no sex, no coming upstairs after 10 p.m., and the dishes must be done every night or they will pay \$400 a month rent.

Well, a week ago I caught them doing drugs, so I called the cops. They were arrested that night. They are now asking to come back. I refuse to allow it because I have an 11-year-

old at home with me and another 18-year-old who I want to keep away from this kind of influence.

My son keeps texting me and trying to guilt me into changing my mind because he got his fiancée pregnant. Where I live it gets very cold, but I need to show my other children it's not OK to do drugs.

Am I doing the right thing by not letting them come back, or am I a heartless mother like he says? — MOM OF TOUGH LOVE

DEAR MOM: Regardless of what your son says, you are not heartless. You took him in with certain conditions. He and his girlfriend abused your trust, and you handled the situation wisely.

If the girl is really pregnant, she should not be using drugs. If she's hooked on something, she needs to get into a rehabilitation program ASAP. If she has parents, perhaps they will take her in. But you have done your part, and if you allow your son and his girlfriend to stay with you, they will continue to break your rules and you'll wind up responsible for them and the baby — or two or three. I advise against it.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: Sundown marks the first night of Passover. Happy Passover, everyone!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Virgo if born before 3:07 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015:

This year you open up to new possibilities and opportunities. Others naturally seem to gravitate toward you, and they are likely to present you with a variety of different offers. Be sure to assess each offer that appeals to you. If you are single, you are in a period where you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. The person you choose now could be in your life for a while. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit naturally in this period. This year promotes a great closeness between you. LIBRA often wants to be around you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ You have strong ideas, and you know what you are doing. Not everyone is as clear-headed and direct as you are. Though you might want to offer your help, the best move would be to first clear out what you must. Tonight: TGIF!

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Your efficiency counts, but your bedside manner also will make a difference. You won't want to run over someone and hurt his or her feelings. One-on-one relating will prove to be effective, especially if you share your feelings. Tonight: Keep it easy and low-key.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to flow through whatever you do. Don't hold back any feelings — just find a way of expressing them effectively. A friend or associate seems more than pleased to lend a helping hand and support you in what you are doing. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Honor a change of pace, but be aware that you might need to slow down a bit and catch up on some personal matters. You could feel as if you don't have enough time for what you want to do. Prioritize to make sure you get some personal time. Tonight: Head home early.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind. News and opinions that head your way will encour-

age you to move on a decision that involves potential travel. Help a close loved one realize a dream, if possible. Tonight: Visit with friends, but make time for a special person.

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ Be aware of the financial implications involved with following a loved one's path or great idea. Trying to open this person's eyes to your vision could be close to impossible. One-on-one relating will allow for a more effective exchange. Tonight: Try to change topics.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You'll wake up feelings as if you have the potential to do what you desire without interference from a partner. You could hear chatter from several people, but you won't really absorb what is being said — you are focused on other matters. Tonight: Others pitch in.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Listen to the words that are being said. You might decide to pull back and wait to make an important decision. You could feel as if you don't have the impetus that you need at the moment. Make some time for friends instead. All of you will be happier. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ A friendship will play a bigger role in your life than you initially had thought. Discussions with this person are animated and fun. A personal matter involving your domestic life will need to be handled. The resolution could surprise you. Tonight: Act like a kid again.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ The responsibilities you carry and the consequent pressure could be debilitating. Make a point of taking a real weekend off for you more often. Try to silence the constant chatter going on inside your head by going for a walk outside. Tonight: TGIF with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ A friendship cannot be warmed up until the other party is ready to let it thaw. Let go. Remember, this person counts on your endless efforts. Take care of yourself and focus on other matters for now. Tonight: Return a call that holds an invitation. Say "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

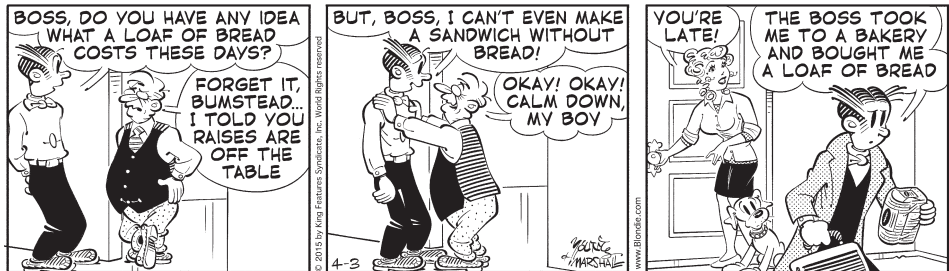
★★★★ You might decide to adjust your plans when a special invitation or person appears. In the interim, you have a lot to accomplish that involves one-on-one relating with various people. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Time to follow your whims.

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