

# Sisters: Who's my daddy?

Dear Annie: I'm wondering whether you can tell me where to turn. I have no idea who I am.

What I mean is that my father's parents are a mystery. My sister and I were told that our father's mother (our grandmother) died giving birth to him. We never knew her name. We have sent money to the Pennsylvania Division of Vital Records, and no record of my father's birth exists. We have sent money several times to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to obtain baptism, first Holy Communion and confirmation information, but that doesn't exist.

My sister thinks the Catholic Church may be hiding something. We were told our father's sister was a nun, so perhaps she is his real mother. Or perhaps our father was adopted. We have tried ancestry websites, to no avail. We are now beginning to wonder whether our

last name is even accurate! There are television shows that help celebrities discover where they came from, but not being celebrities, where can we turn? We would be happy to at least be able to confirm our last name. — *Who Am I?*

## DEAR ANNIE



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Dear Who:

Thanks to direct-to-consumer genetic testing, it's easier than ever to sleuth out your heritage. With a little saliva and a chunk of change (in the \$100 range), you can discover your ancestry, learn about your geographical origins and even possibly find living relatives. One of the most well-known companies offering these services is 23andMe. Visit its website for more information.

Dear Annie: You recently published a letter from "Daughter in Distress," regarding her mother's Alzheimer's disease and her and her dad's distress after taking the mother out for dinner.

I've been around this disease in my own family and worked at a facility, as well. I'd like to suggest that the family check to see whether the facility has a dining room available for families. This would be a way better solution, and they wouldn't have to go through the agony of hearing the mom crying and begging to go home. Under no circumstances should they take her home, because she would think she is there for good. It takes weeks for a patient to acclimate to a nursing home, and if you take someone home, she has to go through it all over again. The only consolation I can offer to the daughter and her father is that most likely, Mom got over her tears quickly. People fade in and out with Alzheimer's sometimes, and she probably has forgotten. But I know they have not! — *Catherine*

Dear Catherine: I'm sorry you have firsthand experience with this issue as a family member, but I appreciate your sharing your insights.

## FRANK AND ERNEST



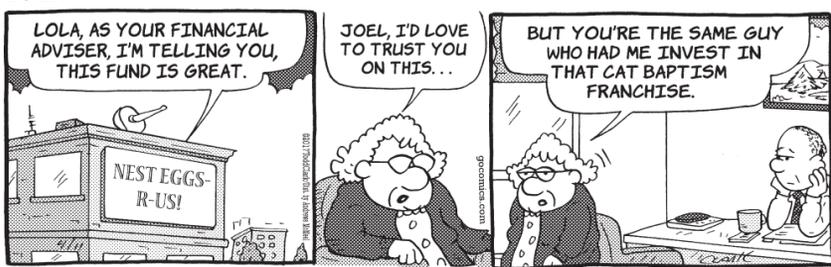
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## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Labels help us to get organized and make sense of our world. But labels never completely define anything, especially not a person. Today's cosmic question: Are you over-identifying with a label?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The pulsing movement of life is like a rushing river today and you really can't help but go with the flow. If you happen not to like where the flow is going, however, there will be shallow spots in which you can get off the raft.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You don't want the award because it's an honor; you want it because doing what it takes to get there and then knowing that it's where you deserve to be is a fulfilling consciousness to live inside.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Someone you want to emulate is coming into the picture, and this person may possibly mentor you. Be ready, on the lookout and doing your best to communicate where you are and where you want to go.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Sociability and joy are predicted for the day. People who make you happy are close at hand. You have all you need to do your work and be effective. Life is good.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** An issue is ready to be addressed and resolved so that you can move on. For this reason, you may feel a push at your back, perhaps jarring, but also what's needed to get this going.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The high quality you bring to your work isn't an accident. You make this happen with your intention for excellence and your commitment to finding the most intelligent direction.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll say no a good amount of times today. This is the only way to stay focused, protect what you have and keep on track with what you're doing. Of course, "no" doesn't necessarily mean "never."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The others find it hard to notice what's right before their eyes. You, not so much. You see it: the smallness of it, the depth, what it really means. Point out what you see. They might not get it today, but someday they will.

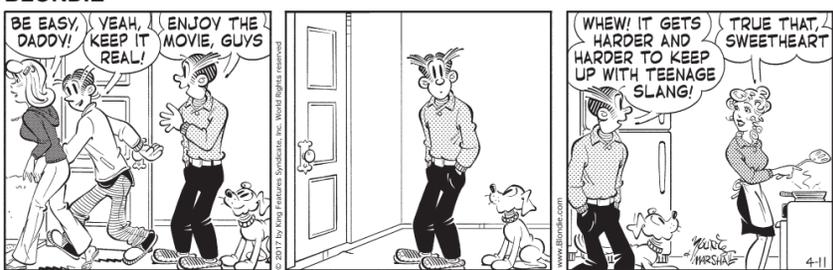
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's something a little bizarre about this "normal" situation. Indications are that the game may be rigged. Don't try to win. Don't try to understand. Just try your best.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You have a way about you that people like very much. They feel that you get them. They feel more awake around you, and yet they also feel they've fallen under your spell.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The "What if?" chain is likely to visit your thoughts today, and without a happy agenda. Combat it with its mortal enemy: "So what?" With this simple retort, you can deflect anxiety.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 12).** It's your year to take a position you once envied and decide if it's all you thought it would be. Over the next 10 weeks you provide excellent services and therefore make bank. You'll reconsider past ways of spending and make a new plan in June. A big celebration comes in August. A change of location is featured, too. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 30, 21 and 11.

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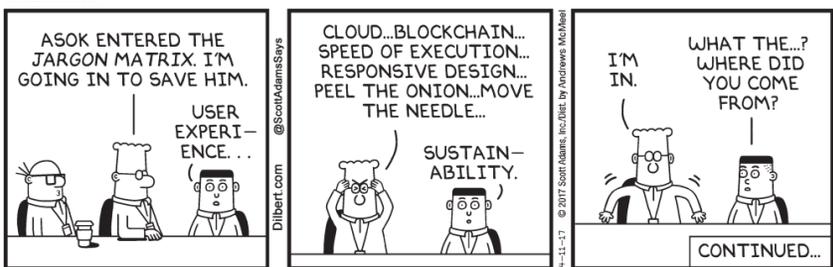
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