

DEAR ABBY

Write to Dear Abby online at dearabby.com or by mail at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069



Dear Abby: Seventeen years ago, when my sister "Elise" and I were 19 and 25, our mother kicked us both out. I have long since forgiven her, and I have a happy relationship with her. Elise, on the other hand, has never let it go. I don't understand why, because she's the older of us, and 25 was a normal age to leave the nest. Elise refuses to see our mother unless someone drives out to pick her up, so every holiday and birthday my stepfather picks her up and drives her round trip. Even when my sister is there, she speaks to no one, not even me. Mom and I talk and beg her to join us, while Elise sits off to the side and refuses to join in. I have planned girls' trips for the three of us with the same result.

I long for a relationship with Elise, but not a one-sided one. I feel bad for Mom and for her, because I'm sure Elise is lonely. I feel like a horrible person when I say I have a sister but we are not close. Do you think there's any hope?

— *Missing Normal in Michigan*

Dear Missing Normal: There may be a lot more wrong with your sister than a case of hard feelings. As you stated, seventeen years ago it was normal for 25-year-old women to leave their parents' home and live independently or with a contemporary. If, at age 41, Elise is as isolated and uncommunicative as you describe, she may need the help of a psychotherapist to get back on track. Of course, this

would entail her admitting she has a problem and a desire to do something about it. Unless that happens, there's nothing you or your parents can do to "help" her.

Dear Abby: I am a 63-year-old man, born "Thomas J. Reilly." I was legally adopted at 14, although I had lived with my adoptive parents since I was 6 months old and was given their surname, "Johnson." My wife of 42 years recently passed. My adoptive parents died several years ago, and my brother, who was also adopted by the Johnsons, has been gone two years.

My mother always wanted me to search for my birth family, but out of respect for her and Dad, I never did. Now, because I have no adoptive relations left in my life, I'm considering changing my name back to Reilly, but I'm ambivalent about it. I want to reengage with my birthright, yet remain respectful to the Johnsons, who lovingly raised me as their own. My heart has two halves, and I don't know which to nurture.

— *Confused in the East*

Dear Confused: The line, "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," is a classic in English literature. In a situation like yours, however, it may not hold true. You honored your adoptive parents and your brother every day of their lives. If you feel changing your name would make your heart whole, then follow through with what you need to do.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE
★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 6 p.m. until midnight EDT today (3 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021: You are eloquent and have excellent words skills, which gives you a teaching ability should you wish to use it. You are intelligent and persuasive. You are also diplomatic and like to get along with others. You have a busy year ahead with many choices. You will have the opportunity to create the kind of world you want to live in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert today (see above), because you will have a passionate discussion with a boss, employer, parent or the police. Don't initiate anything important during the Moon Alert. Tonight: Don't volunteer for anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might have strong opinions today about politics, religion or race. You might debate these issues, write about them, study them or investigate legalities. Whatever the case, just coast during the Moon Alert (see above). Tonight: You are high-viz tonight. People notice you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Financial matters might trigger strong emotions in you today, especially if you discover the truth about something and have a reaction. If so, don't act this out or make a decision during the Moon Alert. (See above) Test your information but wait until the Alert is over. Tonight: Do something different!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ A conversation with a partner, spouse or close friend will be passionate and intense today. Both parties have strong feelings about something. Be careful, because it's easy to become obsessed, which means logic goes out the window. (See Moon Alert.) Tonight: Stay calm about money matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ When it comes to work-related issues or anything to do with your health or perhaps something to do with a pet, you have strong feelings today! You want to get to the bottom of something to find out why it's happening. Tonight: Be accommodating with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Parents must be patient with their kids today, and lovers must be patient with romantic partners, because everyone is intense and likely to overreact to things. It's also easy to have tunnel vision, which means you don't have the full picture. Tonight: Be helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Family discussions, especially with a female relative (perhaps Mom?), will be memorable and intense today. Obviously, you want to get along with family because family is forever. So your wise move is to be patient and not overreact. Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your feelings about everything are intense today, which is why you are convincing and persuasive about something. However, you also might just as easily block someone else's intentions if you don't want to participate. Count to three before you decide something. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might have strong feelings about something that you own today, perhaps a particular possession. You will also have strong feelings about money and your wealth, even your self-image. If someone does anything at all to threaten these areas, you will react! Tonight: Watch what you say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Today the Moon is in Capricorn lined up with heavy-duty Pluto, which creates intense emotional experiences in everyone. It's important to know that if you do have an intense reaction to someone or something, it will be public and everyone will notice. Tonight: Keep track of your money and possessions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Today you might be sulking about something. Or in a completely different vein (different arm), you might research and dig deep for answers to get to the truth of something. If this is the case, you will probably find what you're looking for. Tonight: Stay chill. Not too emotional.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might feel obsessed when talking to a friend or a member of a group today. Perhaps you have an idea that you can't get out of your mind. Unfortunately, these strong feelings will overwhelm you and rob you of your common sense. Tonight: Enjoy some solitude.

Homes

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A recent Zillow report found that at least half of the real estate agents surveyed who represented a home seller said they were offered an all-cash deal, an escalation clause in which the potential buyer would agree to beat a higher offer, a down payment larger than the standard 20% or a hefty deposit.

The listings agents also said they received submissions ahead of the offer review date.

Buyers' agents are also trying to appeal to owners by letting them rent back their former house until they find a replacement. More unconventional strategies include throwing a pizza party and sending flowers to the sellers, according to Zillow.

Millennials are buying homes

There are more than 72 million millennials in the U.S., which makes adults born between 1981 and 1996 the largest generation. As they get older, their priorities turn from renting urban apartments to a home offering safety and good schooling, said Matthew Gardner, chief economist of Windermere Real Estate.

In 2020, millennials represented 18%, or more than 15.2 million, of all owner-occupied households in the country, even though it's not easy for that generation to afford a mortgage and student loan debt, while saving for a down payment and paying rent at the same time, said Gardner.

The trend for millennials to buy a home has been magnified during the coronavirus pandemic by their ability to work anywhere online, which "has allowed many to consider moving to more remote markets where housing may be cheaper," he said.

Low inventory, which pushes up prices, is due to the slow pace of new construction and the fact that existing owners are not moving as frequently as they once did, said Gardner.

One in five millennials used money given to them by a family member to help with the down payment, and one in 10 sold stock to raise the funds they needed, Gardner said, citing the National Association of Realtors' 2021 Home Buyer & Seller Report.

Many home shoppers have also saved money as venues closed during the pandemic by not eating out, traveling and attending concerts and other forms of entertainment.

"My advice to millennials, especially given the rapid pace of home price growth and the lack of homes for sale, would be to hang in there," said Gardner. "And my advice to builders would be to build for this generation, but don't forget that they want a dog shower in their new home."



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I loved the can do attitude Jeff in the finance department exhibited. He was so helpful in helping us out of our lease and into purchasing the car. Other dealers tried to add hidden charges and did not offer any level of service. Wright Ford has gained a loyal customer and I would give them my highest recommendation!

- Gail M.

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We would give them a 10. We were treated with respect given more than fair trade in and great price on the truck we purchased. What more can a customer ask for?

- Jane T.

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I had a great experience buying a truck here. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. No pressure. Usually I don't buy from dealers, but they had the one I wanted and got a good deal. Very happy.

- Jeremy C.

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Great experience worked with Tom and Jeff. Got us exactly what we wanted and even helped us with insurance suggestions. They really went beyond and gave us a great price. I would recommend them to anyone.

- Naro B.