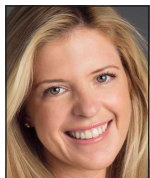


# Did I do the right thing?

**Dear Annie:** I am a single mom with two boys, ages 4 and 7. We recently took a trip out to Chicago to visit my parents. Our flight was delayed by over an hour. My 7-year-old asked whether he could go into the men's bathroom alone. I said no and decided that the three of us should stay together while at a busy airport. I took him into the ladies' room with me. As I directed him to go into a stall and I held my 4-year-old's hand, a woman said, "You know, he really is too old to be in a ladies' room." I explained that I didn't want him to be alone in a large public place; all it takes is one creep. Afterward, though, I began doubting myself. Was she right? Did I do the right thing? When is a child old enough to go to the bathroom alone in a public place? — *Mom*

**DEAR ANNIE**



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have done the same thing. If anything had happened to your son while he was unattended in the men's room, you never would have forgiven yourself. We must look out for and support our fellow mothers, not make them doubt themselves or feel uncomfortable about their decisions. You did the right thing.

**Dear Annie:** I have read your column for a long time but have never written to you before. I had to respond both to "Crybaby" and to the advice you gave her. Until recently, I was just like "Crybaby." I thought that crying for a positive or negative reason was just how I responded and it was just who I was. My parents said I was a very sensitive and compassionate child, and I thought it "normal" to cry about many circumstances.

I lived with these emotions until I was thoroughly checked out with bloodwork. The cause was hormonal, and

once the hormones were balanced, the emotions were also balanced. I could actually see people crying and listen to what they were saying without crying myself. It was freedom I never thought I could have.

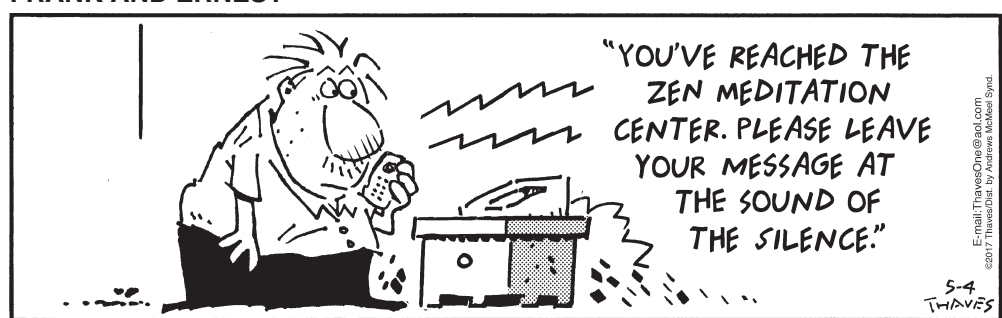
"Crybaby" should make sure her vitamins, supplements and hormones are balanced. Lack of sleep and stress deplete many important nutrients in our system. Also, behavior modification will not help "Crybaby" if it is hormonal or nutrient deprivation. A thorough blood analysis will show whatever deficiency she may have.

It is nice to know that there is a "Crybaby" out there who would understand what I faced for about 40 years. — *Drier My Eyes*

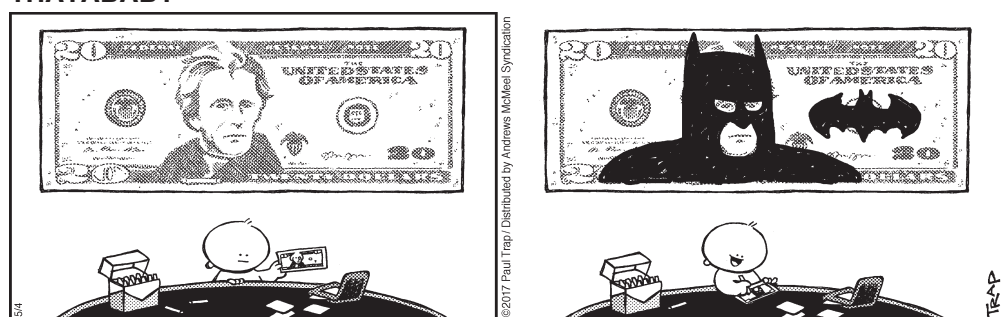
**Dear Drier:** For anyone experiencing possible nutrient deficiencies or hormonal imbalance, bloodwork is a wise step, and I appreciate your raising the point. I'm sure "Crybaby" will be happy to hear she's not alone, too.

**Dear Mom:** You made the best decision for your family. And frankly, I would

**FRANK AND ERNEST**



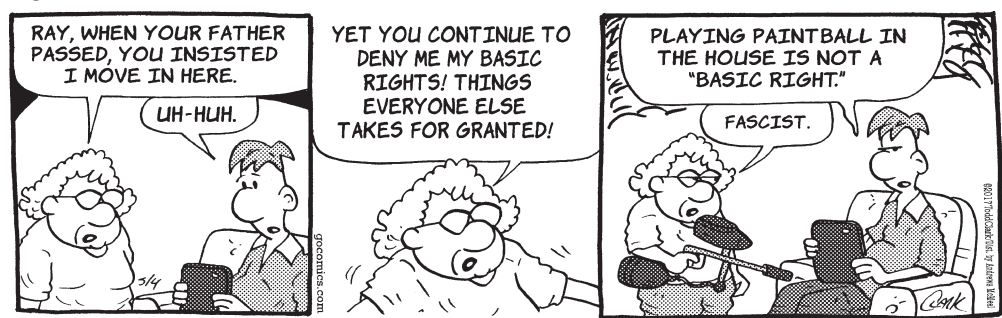
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**TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You can't blame your brain for being skeptical of your gut feelings. Your gut draws wisdom from a mysterious place that your brain has never been to, doesn't know the location of, and doubts the existence of in the first place.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** There's a lot around that needs to be organized, but if you can organize your priorities first, you'll avoid wasting time on things that won't matter five days from now.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's important to do the things that make you "you" on a regular basis. If you have to tone those things down or do less of them for the sake of a relationship, it could point to trouble going forward.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The person who's talking isn't always communicating, and the person who's hearing isn't always listening. Intentions, on the other hand, can be felt viscerally. Intentions will speak the loudest today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Just as brevity is the soul of wit (according to Shakespeare) and the soul of lingerie (according to Dorothy Parker), brevity is also the soul of pleasure. Too much of any good thing is a terrible thing.

**VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your inner self is pulling for something your head still isn't sure about. This internal conflict of interests is making it difficult to move forward, but maybe forward isn't the direction you originally thought it was.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Whatever comes at you today, you've seen it before, or something like it at least. Therefore you won't flinch. You suspect this is for the best and highest good, and you'll handle it like the winner you are.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** On many subjects, society's rules are your rules. It doesn't always work for you this way though. There are a few societal trends you simply can't abide by, and you'll prove yourself bigger than society as you do it your way today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Good communication isn't something you can establish and then forget about. It needs to be maintained. Check in with your loved ones to open and strengthen those lines.

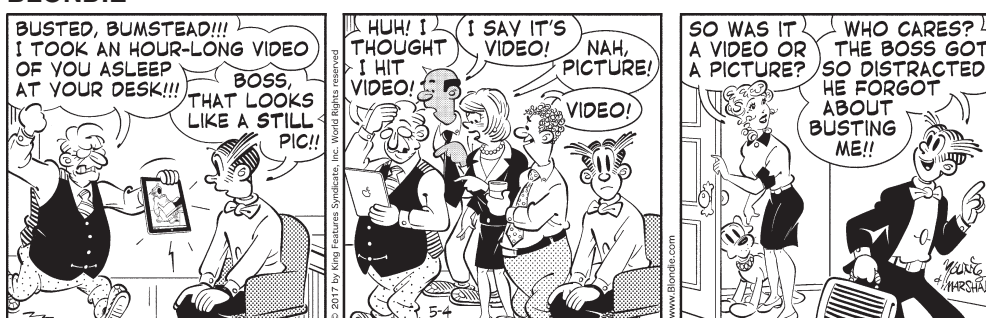
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's much you will do with your mind — dream, go back and forth in time, have conversations with people you've never met. Your imagination is your most useful tool to influence and create your world.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When love is disappointing, you have your friends. And when friends are the trouble, you have your love. But today is different. Today you have both and life is truly wonderful.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There are certain conflicts that will never be resolved because they are too deeply rooted in core differences. Peace can be restored nonetheless when parties agree not to fight and instead focus elsewhere.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 5).** Your dreams are coming true. Through the next 10 weeks, it will be as though there's an invisible hand helping you navigate and produce until your business is thriving. Family will connect you with what you need to succeed in all kinds of relationships. A voice from the past will figure into your future dealings. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 33, 28 and 18.

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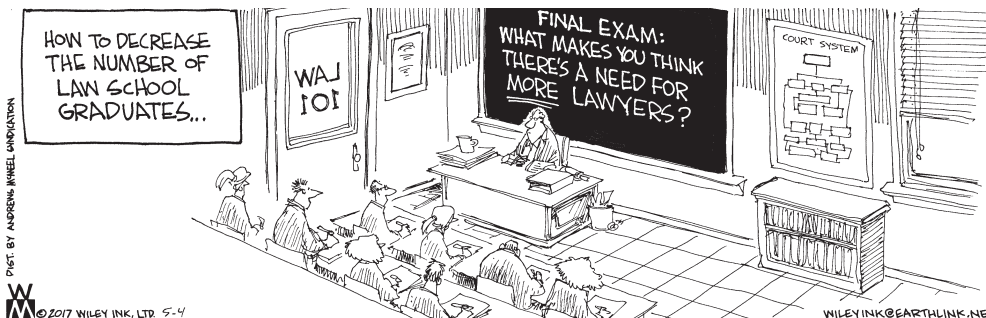
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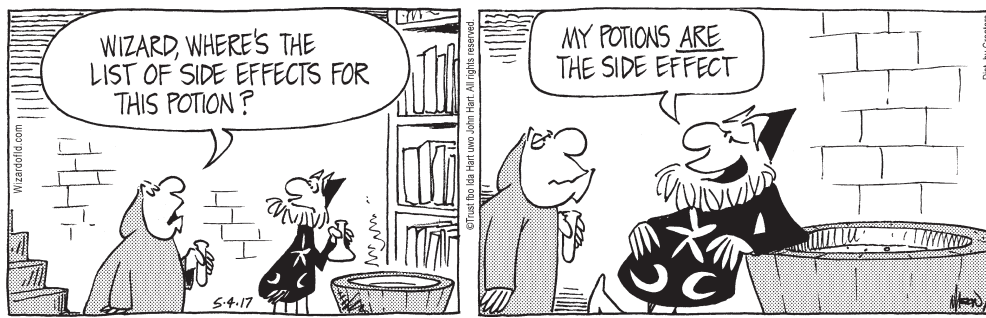
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