

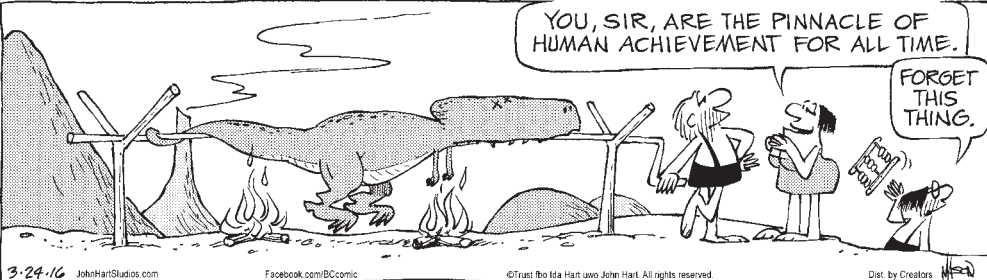
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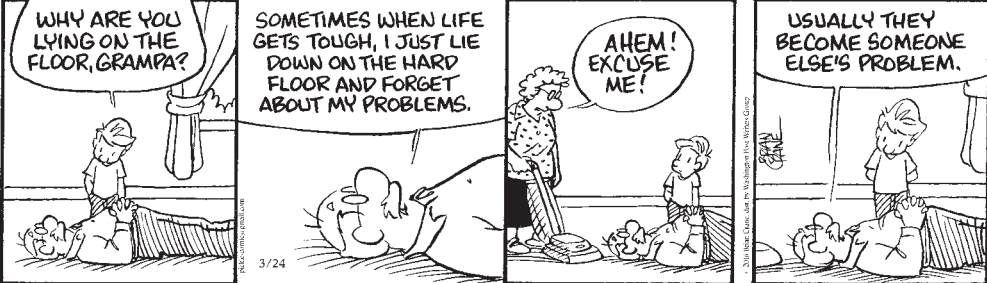
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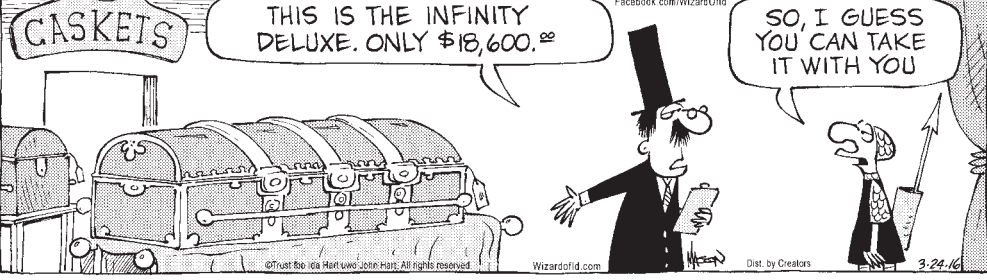
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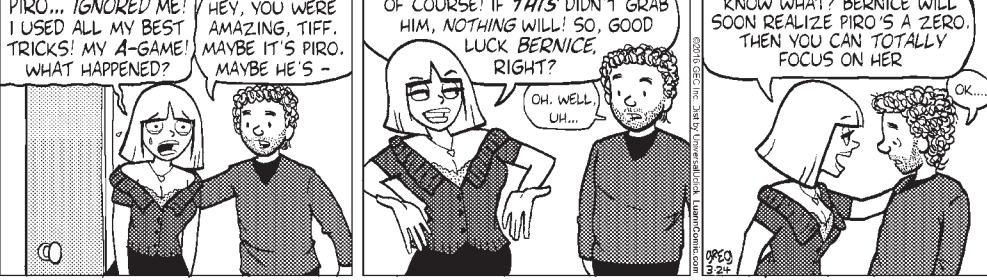
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DEAR ABBY Fear of arrest prevents man from seeking help he needs

Dear Abby: I find myself sometimes wanting to commit the most heinous of crimes. The desire to do this has been with me my entire life. I was sexually abused by my mother and oldest brother. While that's no excuse, I understand why I may be the way I am.

At 51, I have never committed any act against a young girl, but the desire is clearly there for me. The issue before me is that if I seek help for this problem, those who can provide it are required by law in this state to report me.

How am I to overcome these urges when no matter what I do I am considered guilty? — **Anonymous In America**

Dear Anonymous: You should be discussing these feelings with a licensed mental health professional. If fear that you will be arrested is what is holding you back, please be aware that if the urge or feeling is not directed at anyone in particular, a therapist is not required to report what you are confiding. However, if there is a direct threat toward a specific individual, it must be reported, even if it has not yet occurred.

Dear Abby: I have attended many events where the national anthem has been sung by an invited guest and many where it has been pre-recorded. When the national anthem is being sung live, is it disrespectful to the performer to sing along? Some people who sing along are off-key or sing so loud they drown out the performance for the unfortunate attendees seated near them. — **Audrey In Arizona**



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Audrey: Our national anthem is notoriously difficult to sing, as many professionals have discovered to their embarrassment when they tried to perform it publicly. At large events during which the anthem is played, it is not uncommon for many of the audience members to be so filled with patriotic fervor that they join in. If memory serves me, the volume is usually so loud that no one can hear what's coming out of their mouths.

To the best of my knowledge, no rule of etiquette forbids anyone from singing along with Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Garth Brooks or Renee Fleming — if they have the nerve to try.

Dear Abby: I am an old lady, happy I can still get around using a cane. I would like to thank the many people who take the extra time to open a door for me or hold it open longer so I can get through. I am grateful for their help, and being offered a place ahead of them in the checkout line is beyond appreciated. Thank you, thank you.

However, may I offer a suggestion to those helpful folks, often robust men, who want to do more? If I look unsteady, please DO NOT grab me by the arm and try to steer me like an empty bicycle! Instead, hold your arm out for me to lean on and allow me to do the navigating. It may be slow, but with your help, it will be safe. — **Caryl In New Mexico**

Dear Caryl: That's an excellent suggestion, and one I hope helpful readers of both sexes will pay attention to.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 24, 1916

An electric road from Pendleton to Walla Walla and from Cold Springs Landing through Pendleton to Bingham Springs is an undertaking projected by an association of capitalists represented by C.W. Lefler, formerly a farmer in the Cold Springs district. Just how far the plans for the proposed road have been laid is not definitely known as no authorized statements have been given out. However, in discussing the matter with local men, Mr. Lefler stated today that there was plenty of money back of the venture.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 24, 1966

Dan Martindale of Pendleton walked to work in early February for the first time in six years. It wasn't because his car had broken down or that he was particularly interested in any new physical fitness fad. Martindale is blind and until several weeks ago he found it impossible to get to work by himself. However, on Feb. 5 he made a big step and walked the 20 blocks to his job as manager of the lunch room at the state office building

with Jake, a 2-year-old German shepherd guide dog, at his side. Martindale had just completed four weeks' training course at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Inc. center in San Rafael, Calif., where he met Jake. The Pendleton Lions Club paid Martindale's plane ticket to and from the guide dog center.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 24, 1991

A benefit party drew an estimated 1,300 people to the Pendleton Convention Center on Saturday. The Linda Mentzer Memorial Hoolie raised funds for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in local elementary schools and for Capt. Chet Taylor, an Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution employee recovering from a life-threatening heart attack. Proceeds to be split between DARE and Taylor should exceed the \$6,800 generated by the 1990 Hoolie, organizer Rusty Fisher said. The Hoolie, which is an Irish term meaning "boisterous party," was founded last year to raise money for Mentzer. An EOCI employee, she was a cancer patient in need of a bone marrow transplant. She died in April 1990.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 84th day of 2016. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 2015, Germanwings Flight 9525, an Airbus A320, crashed into the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board; investigators said the jetliner was deliberately downed by the 27-year-old co-pilot, Andreas Lubitz, who had a history of depression and mental illness.

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied

Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1975, Muhammad Ali defeated Chuck Wepner with a technical knockout in the 15th round of a fight in Richfield, Ohio. (Wepner, a journeyman known as the "Bayonne Bleeder," inspired Sylvester Stallone to make his "Rocky" films.)

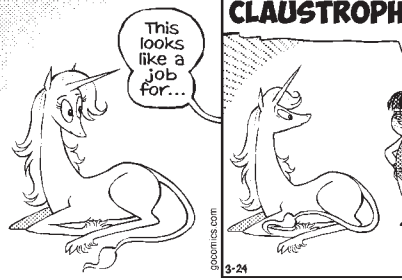
In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

Today's Birthdays: Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 97. Actor William Smith is 83. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 77. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 71. Former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire is 69. Singer Nick Lowe is 67. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 65. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger is 65. Comedian Louie Anderson is 63. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 60. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 52. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 46. Actor Jim Parsons is 43. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 40. Actress Lake Bell is 37. Rock musician Benj Gershman (O.A.R.) is 36. Benjamin Caldwell is 36 years old.

Thought for Today: "Either you think, or else others have to think for you and take power from you, pervert and discipline your natural tastes, civilize and fertilize you." — *F. Scott Fitzgerald, American author (1896-1940).*

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