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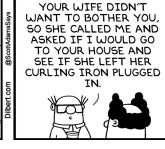






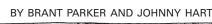








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DEAR ABBY

Avoiding stairs in fire drill gets out of hand in high-rise

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Advice

Dear Abby: I am the building manager of a high-rise office building. Every year we perform a fire alarm test to determine that all our fire alarm systems work properly. Employees in the building must evacuate in a timely manner.

Two years ago, a very overweight woman told me she had a heart condition and could not make it down the stairs during the drill. I told her to proceed to the stairwell, have one of her co-workers give me her location

and in the event of a fire I'd send a fireman up to get her. A year later, another obese woman told me she, too, couldn't make it down the stairs. Word has gone out in the building. Now 10 other women have asked to be added to the "list" so they won't have to descend the stairs.

I have nightmares about these women standing in stairwells waiting for firemen to help them during a real fire. I have a call in to my local fire chief to see what he/she thinks I should do. Have you any thoughts on this matter? — Worried Building Manager

Dear Building Manager: Employees who are disabled need to know the evacuation plan in place for their safety. If others are taking advantage of the system set up for people with disabilities in order to avoid going down the stairs, it is unfair to everyone.

I took your question to Austin, Texas, Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and to Allan Fraser, senior building code specialist at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Both expressed concern that you would create a "list." because lists can become out-of-date or

misplaced and of no use when a fire occurs. People quit, get fired, go on vacation, are home sick, etc. on any given workday. The late chair of NFPA's

Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee Bill Scott who was a wheelchair user — often said, "Everyone, regardless of their disability, has some responsibility to ensure his or her own safety." Being dependent on others for rescue can be

a recipe for disaster. NFPA offers a free Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People With Disabilities, available for download at www.nfpa.org/ disabilities. Chief Kerr and Mr. Fraser recommend you get it. I hope you will take them up on the suggestion, and be a stickler for compliance.

Dear Abby: I'm a dad whose children are growing up fast, and our second will soon be out of diapers. Before that happens, I need to get clarity on public diaper behavior.

Often I find myself at a restaurant when it smells like it's time to change the diaper. Instead of running to the bathroom for a false alarm, I (and most parents I know) pull back the back of the diaper to check while we're in the middle of the restaurant. Is this bad manners or considered to be practical behavior? — On The Scent Out West

Dear On The Scent: Pulling back the diaper should not be necessary. Experienced parents know what a clean and empty diaper looks and feels like. Others just pick up their child to determine if he or she passes the "sniff" test. I suggest this is what you do until your child is out of diapers.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 13, 1916

Chester Fee of Pendleton, captain of the University of Oregon track team was yesterday the star performer in the dual Oregon-O.A.C. track and field meet at Eugene. He broke the northwest record in the pole vault, the college record in the javelin throw, took first in the shotput and third in the low hurdles and broad jump, making a total of 17 points for his team.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 13, 1966

Are you worth more money? Do you feel your talents are being wasted? Or are you out of work and feeling hopeless about every finding a job? A new federally financed job-finding program to start here sometime this summer has you in mind. Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner, announced here Wednesday that a \$59,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity will be used to expand a program now being conducted in Portland. Classes in the techniques of job

hunting and training will be set up in seven areas of the state, including Pendleton.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 13, 1991

There was no hesitation in the elementary student's answer when asked if he knew Dr. Rosenquist. "He's my psychologist," the boy said, glancing at the man surrounded by students at the next lunch table. Dr. Charles Rosenquist may well be the best known grown-up in all of Pendleton's schools. And it has been that way for about 24 years, since he became the Pendleton School District's psychologist. The school district and its students will lose Rosenquist at the end of the school year, along with his considerable talents and experience. He is retiring. "He is kind of known as the pied pier," said Keith Blanchard, director of the Chapter One program and a longtime friend of Rosenquist's. "When he comes into a building and talks to the kids, even the kids that don't know him pick up on this quality he has of making people feel at ease."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 134th day of 2016. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1916, one of Yiddish literature's most famous authors, Sholem Aleichem, died in New York at age 57.

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day)

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence was critically injured in a motorcycle accident in Dorset, England; he died six days later.

In 1940, in his first speech

as British prime minister, Churchill Winston Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act. The musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1968, a one-day general strike took place in France in support of student protesters.

In 1973. in tennis first so-called "Battle of the Sexes," Bobby Riggs defeated Margaret Court 6-2, 6-1 in Ramona, California. (Billie Jean King soundly defeated Riggs at the Houston Astrodome in September.)

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 78. Actor Harvey Keitel is 77. Author Charles Baxter is 69. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 68. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 67. Singer Stevie Wonder is 66. Actress Leslie Winston is 60. Producer-writer Alan Ball is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 55. "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert is 52. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 52. Actor Tom Verica is 52. Country singer Lari White is 51. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 50. Actress Susan Floyd is 48. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 44. Actress Samantha Morton is 39. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 37. Actor Iwan Rheon is 31. Actor Robert Pattinson is 30. Folk-rock musician Wylie Gelber (Dawes) is 28.

Thought for Today: "To want to be the cleverest of all is the biggest folly.' — Sholem Aleichem (1859-1916).

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