

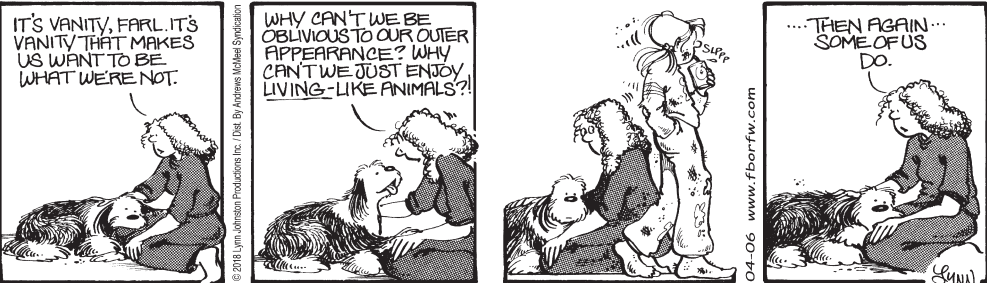
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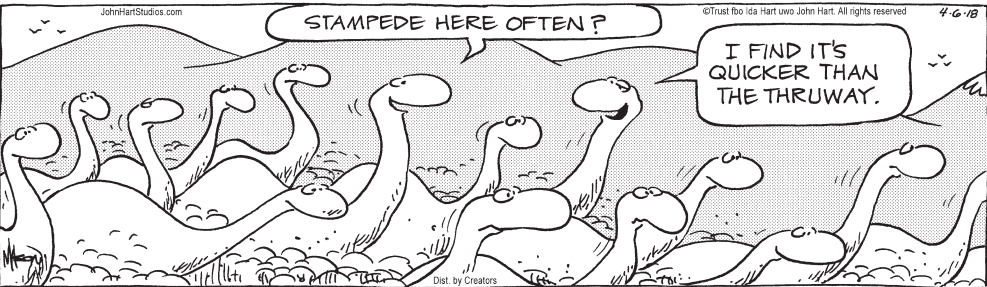
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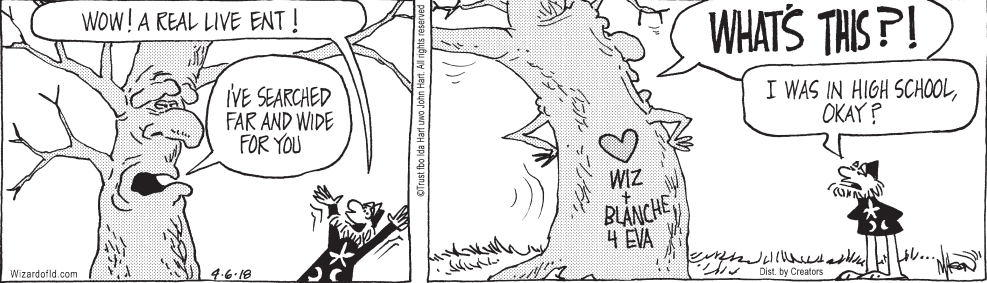
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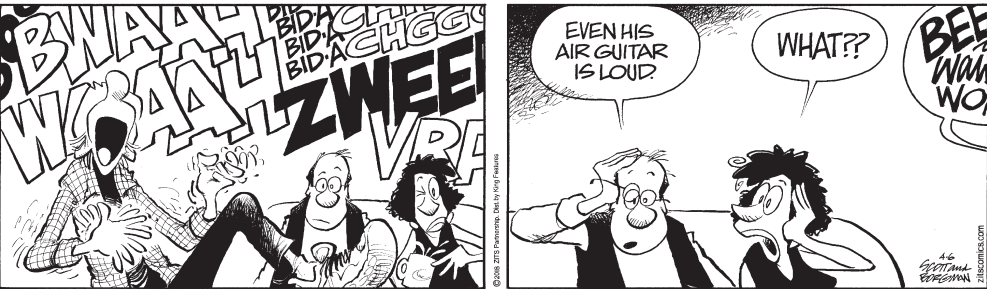
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DEAR ABBY

Father's habit of returning food proves hard to swallow

Dear Abby: I am in my 30s and moved out of my parents' home 10 years ago. Last week I decided to visit them, and we went out to eat. Dad has a habit of sending his food back to the kitchen — "My steak isn't cooked enough," or "My food is cold. Could you warm it up?" He even does this at restaurants that aren't fancy.

Dad has done this my whole life and he's in his 60s. It's embarrassing for me and Mom, and it frustrates the cooks and waitstaff. Is there a polite way of telling him to stop this behavior? He takes any criticism personally. — **Embarrassed In The Northeast**

Dear Embarrassed: You are certainly free to tell your father that this habit embarrasses you, but after all these years, you and your mother are not going to change him. Restaurants are in the hospitality business. If your father isn't satisfied with his food, he has a right to ask that it be served to his liking, and most restaurants will gladly comply. We are not responsible for the actions of other people, and because of that, you should not feel embarrassed about something over which you have no control.

Dear Abby: Last year for my birthday, my husband asked me what I wanted for a gift. I told him I would like flowers once a month for one year. He's been pretty good about it. But I complained about the way I receive them, which is, when we are driving home in our truck (we work together) and it's nearing the end of the month, he'll pull into the parking lot at the grocery store, run in, come back and



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Advice

hand them to me. He always picks out a beautiful bunch, but my complaint was that it's never a "surprise." He says he can't decide if I'm ungrateful or a spoiled brat. What say you and your readers? — **Grateful In California**

Dear Grateful: Your mistake was in not clearly specifying that what you wanted was a bouquet in a vase from a florist. However, because you also told your husband you wanted flowers once a month, I fail to see how they would in any way be a "surprise." He has been giving you what you asked for, and you shouldn't look a gift husband in the mouth. I'm not going to name call, but shame on you.

Dear Abby: People in nursing homes or at home — ill, incapacitated or retired — still need social contacts. In our busy society, these folks are often forgotten, and it is hurtful. We will all get there someday and will fully understand how important an occasional phone call or greeting card can be. Please ask your readers to make a note on their calendar as a "reminder." If they do, someone will be very grateful for the kind gesture — most likely the recipient — but it may also be their family members. Kindness goes a long way. — **Remembering In New Hampshire**

Dear Remembering: You have a caring soul. Your message is an important one, which is why I am sharing it with my readers. I know most of you are busy people, but a simple gesture can make a world of difference to those who may be isolated.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6, 1918

Happy Canyon pavilion is packed this afternoon to its fullest capacity by the crowd gathered to attend the exercises with which Pendleton is observing the anniversary of our declaration of war and of the beginning of the third Liberty Loan campaign. Stores, barber shops, markets, banks, in fact all business houses and offices public and private closed their doors tight at noon today in order that their business might not interfere with the celebration. Not until 3 o'clock, at which hour the exercises at the pavilion will close, will there be a resumption of business.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6, 1968

A soil scientist in Milton-Freewater is winning recognition for a soil sampling machine he designed. He is Dale R. Wood, who operates a soil analysis business from his home on Tum-A-Lum Road. The hydraulically operated soil sampler, called a "power probe," is furnished by Wood to farm chemical businesses. They use it to sample customers' fields and Wood analyzes the soil. The conventional method of soil sampling

has required a strong back and calloused hands and usually results in samples that are not as accurate as those taken with the power probe. The automatic hydraulic soil sampler takes the backache out of the job, Wood said.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6, 1993

Jill Thorne of Pendleton is one of six Oregon women who will be honored May 4 at the 11th annual White Rose Luncheon, "A Salute to Women of Achievement," in Portland. White Rose honorees are selected on the basis of volunteerism, professional excellence, their commitment to improving the status of women in the region, and their contributions to the community as a whole. Thorne's volunteer and community service efforts are obvious in Pendleton but also on a state level, where she directs the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council. In Pendleton, Thorne started a campaign to clean and landscape the area around the Pendleton National Guard Armory before it became the Convention Center, and she became a founding director of the Umatilla County Historical Society. She also helped get a number of homes and buildings in Pendleton on the National Historic Register.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On April 6, 1968, 41 people were killed by two consecutive natural gas explosions at a sporting goods store in downtown Richmond, Indiana.

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

In 1917, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1943, "Le Petit Prince" (The Little Prince) by Antoine de Saint-Exupery was first published by Reynal & Hitchcock of New York.

In 1954, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., responding to CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow's broadside against him on "See It Now," said in remarks filmed for the program that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1965, the United States launched Intelsat I, also known as the "Early Bird" communications satellite, into geosynchronous orbit.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky, 88, died in New York City.

In 1988, Tirza Porat, a 15-year-old Israeli girl, was killed in a West Bank melee. (Although Arabs were initially blamed, the army concluded Tirza had been accidentally shot by a Jewish settler.)

In 1998, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the

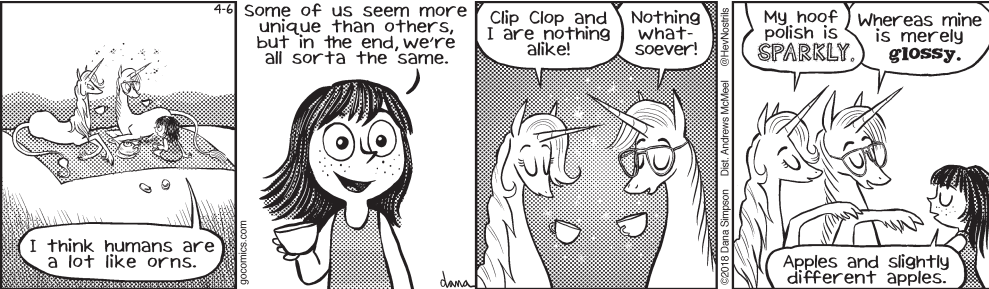
first time, ending the day at 9,033.23. Country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville home at age 55.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 90. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 89. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 81. Movie director Barry Levinson is 76. Actor John Ratzenberger is 71. Actress Patrika Darbo is 70. Baseball Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven is 67. Actress Marilu Henner is 66. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Janet Lynn is 65. Actor Michael Rooker is 63. Rock singer-musician Frank Black is 53. Actor Paul Rudd is 49. Actor Zach Braff is 43. Actor Joel Garland is 43. Jazz and rhythm-and-blues musician Robert Glasper is 40. Actor Bret Harrison is 36. Actor Charlie McDermott is 28.

Thought for Today: "If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing" — *Anatole France, French author and critic (1844-1924).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

