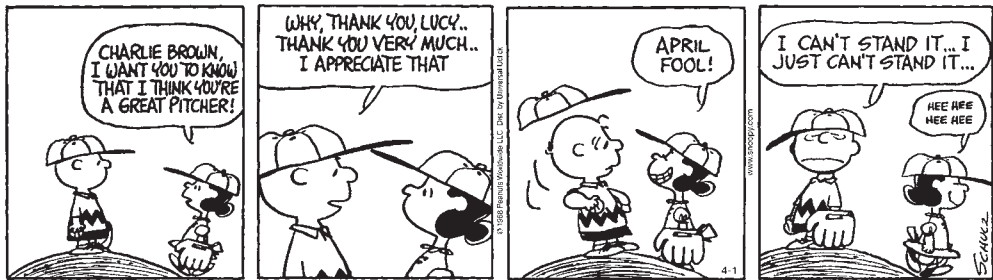


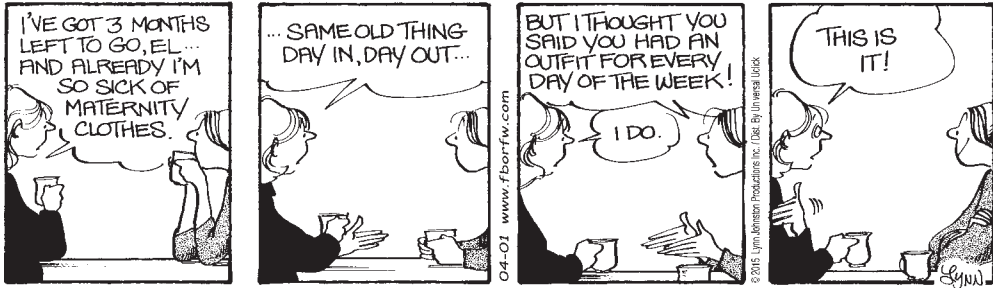
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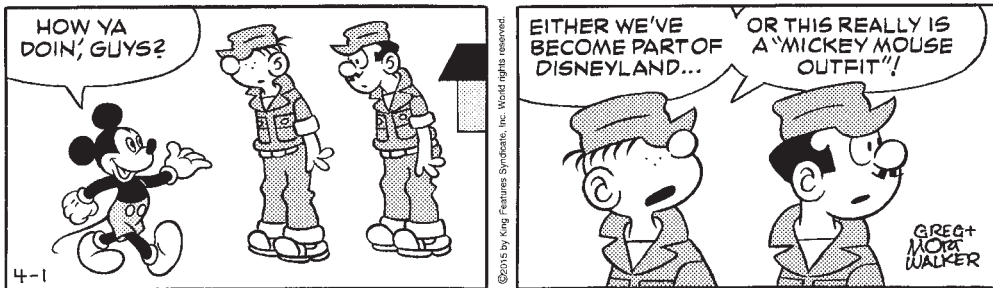
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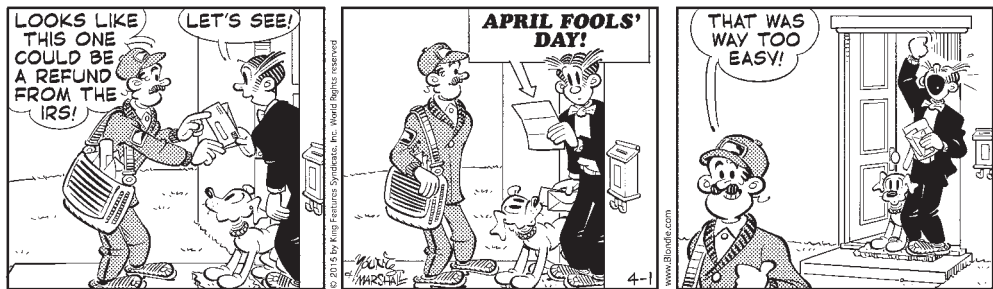
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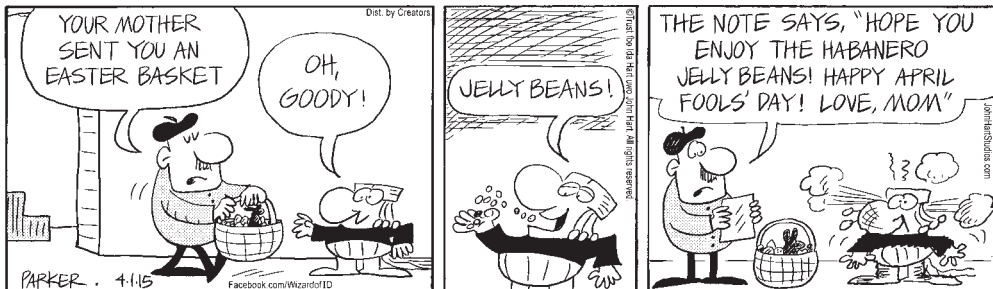
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BY SCOTT ADAMS



THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



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BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Today is a day to celebrate biting gators and big tonsils

Dear Readers: In honor of April Fools' Day, I'll share a couple of off-beat letters I've received from readers who have attempted to pull my proverbial leg. Enjoy!

Dear Abby: I'm writing to brag about my boyfriend. He's a semi-professional alligator wrestler and super brave. It's a tough job and it takes him away from home a lot. It's also a very dangerous job. He often comes home with bite marks all over his neck and shoulders, and scratches on his back.

Want to know something weird about alligators? Their natural odor smells a lot like perfume. When my beau gets back from a tournament, he often reeks of it. The first time I smelled it on him, I was worried. But after he explained it to me, it made perfect sense. (Just another one of life's coincidences, I guess.)

We're so happy together. We have four beautiful children, and he promises we'll get married soon — right after the next tournament. I know you get lots of letters about bad relationships, so I thought I'd let you hear about a good one. — Gator Girl In Florida

Dear Gator Girl: That's a good one, all right. You may have thought you smelled perfume, but I smell a rat. Be glad your boyfriend doesn't wrestle cougars because I hear they wear indelible lipstick.

Dear Abby: A teacher at our high school took some time off to get a breast augmentation. Before she left, she told the class she was having her tonsils out. When she returned to the classroom with a larger chest, one of the students cracked, "Nice tonsils!" Of course,

the class roared. What do you think about this? — George In South Carolina

Dear George: I think that unless her students pay more attention to what she's teaching and less to her chest, they may be earning double D's.

And now ... back to work: Dear Abby: When does an extramarital affair actually start? Is it when the two parties involved do the mattress mambo, their first kiss, or is it sooner? — Clueless Wife In Canada

Dear Clueless: A love affair involves more than having sex. An extramarital affair begins as soon as a man or woman starts sneaking around and lying to his or her mate.

Dear Abby: Please settle an argument my ex-husband and I still have. Over the course of our marriage, we had problems. One night we had a nasty spat, after which he moved out and never returned. He claims I should have asked him to move back in. My response has always been that he chose to leave, so I shouldn't have had to beg him to come back. Your opinion, please? — Wondering In Crystal Lake, Ill.

Dear Wondering: In my opinion, you and your ex-husband should stop arguing because after your divorce became final, the question became moot.

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JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 1, 1915

"Two horses have already gone mad and been killed and I suppose others will die too." The sentence is contained in a letter received this morning by Douglas Belts from his son, Berne Belts, who is running stock on the middle fork of the John Day near Galena, relative to the rabies situation there. He tells of renting some pasture land to another man and it was this latter's horses that developed madness and died. Before dying, he writes, they bit a half dozen other horses and he expects these to become rabid too. Likewise some of his own cattle which strayed into the pasture. This is only one of a number of recent reports coming from Grant county and the southern part of Umatilla county. Another story has it that a prominent rancher of the south end of the county has lost over 20 head of cattle by rabies, among them a valuable bull.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 1, 1965

Keep the present Highway 30 from Pendleton to Stanfield junction as a service road when a freeway is built, the Oregon Highway Department was told in a hearing here Tuesday. Witnesses were unanimous on that point. Umatilla County Judge D.R. Cook lead off the parade of 20 persons, mostly ranchers, who spoke up at the hearing in the courthouse. "The

county will have to construct new roads to get grain to Echo or Rew elevator" if the highway is built to present plans, Judge Cook said. The state highway department has proposed construction to interstate standards of the present highway from Pendleton to the Morrow County line. Two new lanes would be constructed north of the present highway from the county line to the Rohde ranch just east of the Lexington-Echo cutoff, and two new lanes south of the present highway from there to Pendleton. Federal funds would bear 92 per cent of the cost. The present highway would be widened.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 1, 1990

Believe it or not, the famous chartrouse Main Street Cowboy calliope is in for a change, a big change — to the tune of more than \$8,000. The cowboys determined the 40-year-old musical wagon was on its last legs, er, wheels. Dan Bell obtained it from a defunct Yakima carnival back in the 1950s. Since this is the 40th anniversary of the Main Street Cowboys, the group figured it was time to polish up their symbol. Helix resident Charlie McEachern, who's tuned all sorts of organs since 1973 — from pipe to computerized — accepted the difficult job of tuning the untuned. And it wouldn't be fair if the calliope looked sharp and the wagon flat. The wagon and all woodwork is being completely gone over, overhauled and rebuilt.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 91st day of 2015. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II. (U.S. forces succeeded in capturing the Japanese island on June 22.)

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York; Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House speaker.

In 1815, Prussian/German statesman Otto von Bismarck was born in Schoenhausen.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan routed Confederate soldiers under the command of Maj. Gen. George Pickett in the Battle

of Five Forks in Virginia.

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich. (Hitler was released in Dec. 1924; during his time behind bars, he wrote his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf.")

In 1933, Nazi Germany staged a daylong national boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1954, the United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1962, the Katherine Anne Porter novel "Ship of Fools," an allegory about the rise of Nazism in Germany, was published by Little, Brown & Co. on April Fool's Day.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 86. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 85. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 83. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 81. Actor Don Hastings is 81. Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro is 76. Actress Ali MacGraw is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 76. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 65. Rapper-actor Method Man is 44. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 42. Comedian-actor Taran Killam is 33. Country singer Hillary Scott (Lady Antebellum) is 29.

Thought for Today: "The only sin is mediocrity." — Martha Graham, American modern dance pioneer (born 1894, died this date in 1991).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

