

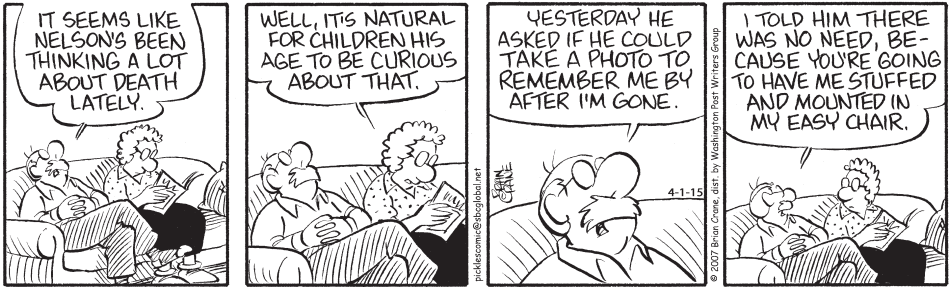
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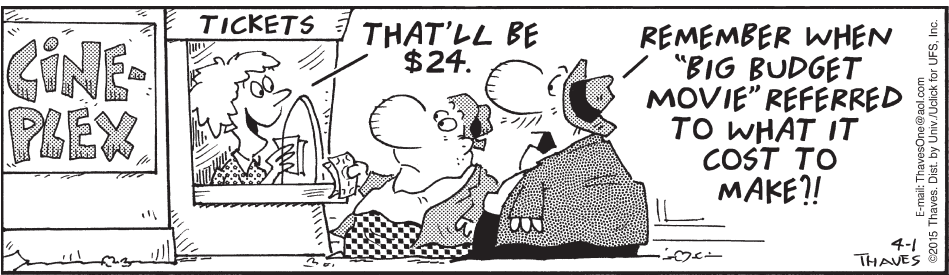
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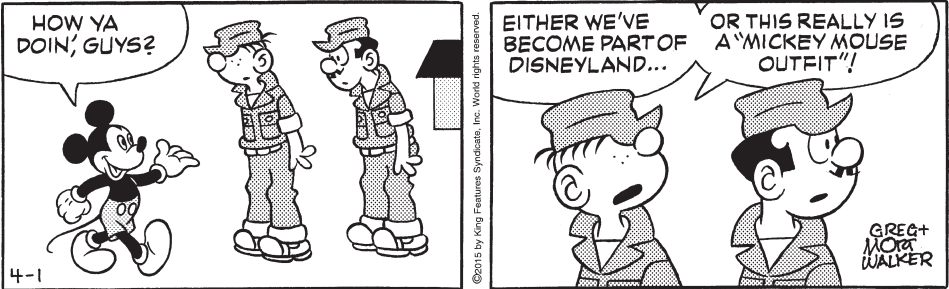
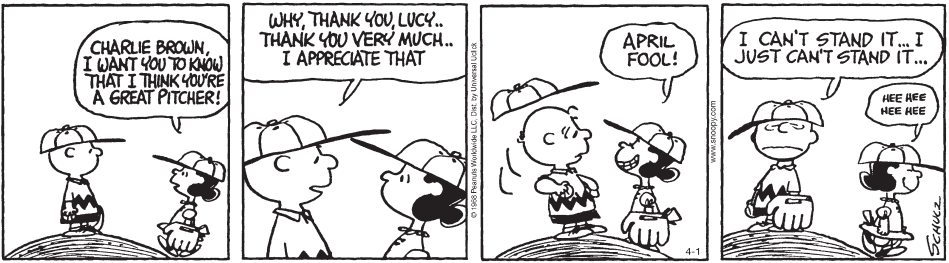
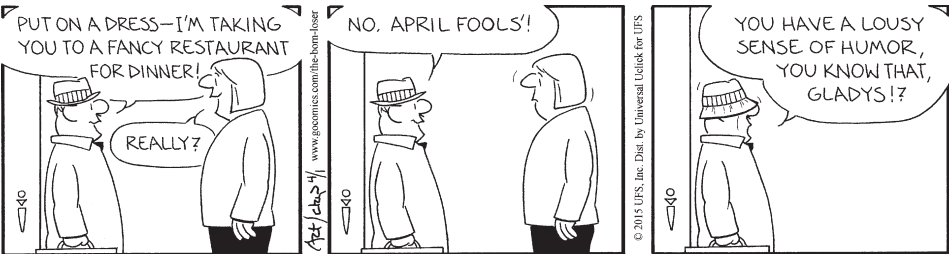
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Today Is A Day To Celebrate Biting Gators And Big Tonsils

DEAR READERS: In honor of April Fools' Day, I'll share a couple of offbeat 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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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015:

This year you will be forced to deal with quite a few issues in your daily life. Perhaps you have focused on one specific area of your life and are slacking in other areas. You will see what this lack of attention has caused, though you will be able to change directions if need be. If you are single, you are likely to attract someone who is fun before September. This person could be of significance to your life. If you are attached, the two of you might need to reconstruct your life together. Learn to share more often and avoid being critical. Accept your partner as he or she is. VIRGO is drawn to you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ You easily could be irked by everything you have to do, including the challenges that are presented by others. Listen to where people are coming from, as their thinking might not be in line with yours. Know that this is likely the source of the problem. Tonight: Early to bed.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Where others lose their temper, your creativity finds a solution. Recognize that an off-the-wall comment is not directed at you. Detach and look at the big picture. Perhaps you will want to make some changes in order to avoid this type of nonsense. Tonight: Midweek break!

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Tension seems to build in your immediate surroundings. You could be making a judgment about what your role is in a certain situation and what you "should" do. Take a break from this scenario before you make any decisions. Tonight: A friend surprises you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Try not to let a judgment come out when dealing with several different people. The less judgmental you are, the more information you will gain. Perhaps your conclusion will be different as a result. Reach out for more information. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your awareness of some of the games that surround you could interfere with your interac-

tions. Be more open to what is happening. Do not lose sight of what you want. You can't change people, but you can take good care of yourself. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your awareness of someone else's expectations could make you feel uncomfortable at times. You might want to share your discomfort, but can't find the right time. Your creativity will emerge as you seek answers. Avoid taking any risks. Tonight: You call the shots.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You might decide to move forward with a key project or at least test the waters. You could be off on some of your judgments about how others are receiving this project. Take a step back and be more observant. You need to see the big picture. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want and expect from a situation that is near and dear to you. To your surprise, a meeting could prove to be very informative. Use others' criticism to strengthen your perceptions and actions. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be in a position where you must deal with a boss or an older relative. You probably won't be able to get away from the situation, and your choices might be limited. Why not just step up to the plate and clear up the issue now? Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Be willing to reach out to a loved one whose wisdom you value. You are able to listen to someone who is not involved in a discussion much better than someone who is actively involved. Curb a tendency to be overly courteous. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ No one can deny the importance of a particular relationship in your life. In some way, the unconventional nature of the bond plays into its very existence. It would be wise not to follow a hunch with a purchase or an investment right now. Tonight: Relish a meal with a favorite person.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

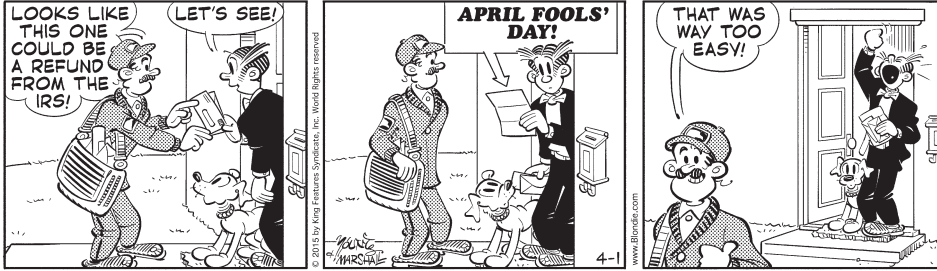
★★★★ Someone whom you believed to be a friend might turn out to be otherwise. You could be taken aback and forced to review who your real friends are. Be sure to look at your relevance to them. Though you might be upset, this review will be beneficial. Tonight: Stretch your wings.

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