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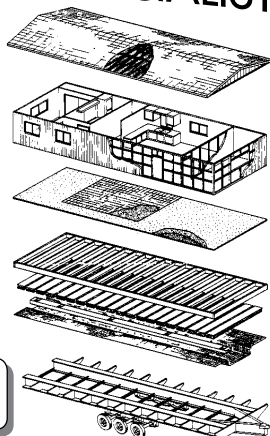
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1	Debra Livingston	12	Tom Sharpe	19	Rolande Lahaie
	Mike Morra		Barbara Davenport		Mike Harwood
2	Darlene Nadon		Neil McDaniel	20	Dianne Goldenberg
3	Dolly Lamontagne		Betty Martin		Betty Davidson
	Nancy Parker	13	Louis Guigon		Lynda Gillis
	Patsy Hutton		Werner Geidlinger		Dave Szabo
4	Judie Howes		Valerie Vaughn	21	Cleo Deason
5	Carole Dumican	14	Richard Hutton		Jessica Keyes
	Charlotte Fontaine	15	Barbara Nowak	22	Dolores LaBonte
	Barbara Prahst		Brenda Holly		Barbara Pollard
	Charlie Perrigo	16	Joyce Larsen		Eva Szabo
	Helen Vanwy		Becky MacPhee	24	Amelia Hynes
6	Anne Aversa		Ernie Ruff	25	Fred Taylor
	Brendan Cole	17	Rene Bougeois		Don Sawers
	Pauline Tremblay		Mary Jo Ward		Jan Souza
	Ron Kelly		Zach Taylor		Flo Renfro
	Claire Labbe		Lise Taylor	26	Marie Pelletier
7	Antonina Sallinger		Ken Paradine		John Selwitschka
	Bill Westerman		Gwen Kuhn	27	Dawn Casey
	George Noack		James Henley		Howard Pollard
8	Ivan Thurlow		Dwayne Bruzek	28	Dorothy Belli
9	Ed Kovach	18	Carolyn Preble		Clark Cordeau
	Carl Anderson		Brenda Crim	29	Jane Moonie
10	Joe Sullivan		Betty Attili		Violet McMahon
11	Duke Clark		Richard Labbe	30	Richard Spanik

April Anniversaries

3	Louis & Judith Guigon	1982	22	Mike & Barbara Nowak	1966
5	Victor & Lillian Noseworthy	1958	25	Pat & Carol McMahon	1972
9	Arnie “Jr” & Barbara Blais	1983	29	Rich & Kathy Spanik	1967
10	Ray & Linda Jewell	1965	30	Joe & Simone Dawson	2004
13	Bert & Lois Cordle	1968			
14	Don & Barbara Prahst	1956			
17	Fred & Lise Taylor				
	Neil & Eleanor McDaniel	1970			
18	Mickey & Jeanne Kinney	1953			
	Jose & Cheryl Cruz	1981			
21	Richard & Patsy Hutton	1981			





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- All automatic sprinkler systems must be turned off from April 17th to April 30th.
- You cannot drive on the streets being sealed!
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- No water can be on the sealant - so no sprinkling, no washing of cars or driveways, no mobile home washing!
- If you need medical supplies delivered, please try to get them in advance or advise the office so we can try to get them to you.
- On the days that the street in front of your home is being done, you will have to park in a carport on a neighboring street, or at one of the clubhouses, and walk on the grass to get to your home.

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*If you do not follow these instructions, and if you damage the sealing work with water, cars, or walking on the sealing, you will be held responsible and will have to pay the cost of redoing the sealing.

Street Sealing - by street

Crane Rd.

100 - 121 Yellow April 19 - 20

200 - 227 Orange April 26 - 27

*The office will be closed

Dove Rd.

100 - 120 Blue April 24 - 25

Flamingo Rd.

100-122 Green April 17 - 18

201 - 214 Pink April 21 - 22

* Flamingo hall will be closed

215 - 223 Purple April 28 - 29

Heron Rd.

100 - 227 Pink April 21 - 22

300- 314 Blue April 24 - 25

315 - 414 Pink April 21 - 22

* Heron hall will be closed

415 - 429 Blue April 24 - 25

Lake Rd.

100 - 121 Yellow April 19 - 20

201 - 213 Green April 17 - 18

215 - 227 Orange April 26 - 27

300 - 313 Green April 17 - 18

314 - 412 Yellow April 19 - 20

413 - 329 Green April 17 - 18

Oriole Rd.

100 - 121 Yellow April 19 -

Park St.

100 - 102 Blue April 24 - 25

104 - 106 Orange April 26 - 27

Pelican Rd.

100 - 121 Blue April 24 - 25

200 - 212 Yellow April 19 - 20

213 - 229 Blue April 24 - 25



Ranch Rd.

101 - 117 Purple April 28 - 29
119 - 125 Orange April 26 - 27
201 - 203 Purple April 28 - 29
205 - 209 Blue April 24 - 25

Swan Rd.

100 - 123 Orange April 26 - 27
200 - 224 Green April 17 - 18

Teal Rd.

100 - 110 Blue April 24 - 25

Robin Rd.

100 - 108 Purple April 28 - 29
109 - 215 Pink April 21 - 22
216 - 228 Purple April 28 - 29

*Area between clubhouse & pool, from Lake Rd. To Swan Rd. - Purple - April 28 - 29 *
the clubhouse will be closed

** Area known as "E" street, between Heron & Lake rd. - Purple - April 28 - 29

Wednesday Night Euchre Scores

Submitted by Marilyn Lett

February 10, 2016

Lone Hands	3	Irwin Lett
First Place	66	Marilyn Lett
Second Place	54	Ron Giacobbe
Third Place	54	Carol Giacobbe
Fourth Place	53	Shirley Higbie

February 17, 2016

Lone Hands	5	Bill Summers
First Place	66	Ron Giacobbe
Second Place	65	Eleanor McDaniel
Third Place	61	Marilyn Lett
Fourth Place	59	Irwin Lett

February 24, 2016

Lone Hands	4	Mike Ray
First Place	62	Roger Pigeau
Second Place	61	Sharon Ray
Third Place	60	Lois Cordle
Fourth Place	58	Anne Cragg

March 2, 2016

Lone Hands	4	Gus Agostinelli
First Place	58	Shirley Higbie
Second Place	55	Marilyn Lett
Third Place	55	Eileen St. Pierre
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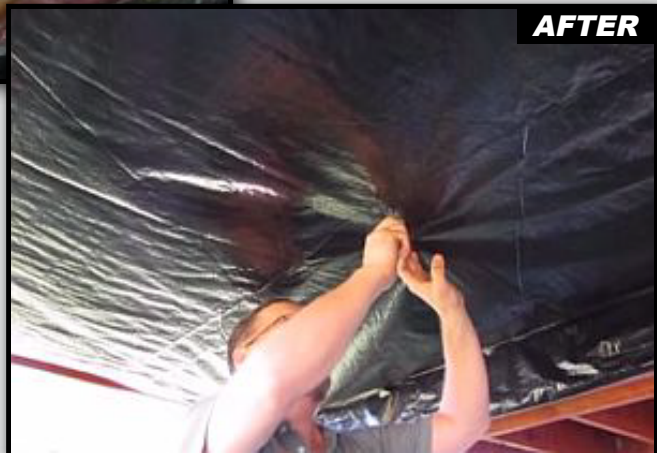
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- Fill out a departure slip, completely, and leave it at the office.
- Notify the office of any change in telephone numbers or northern addresses.
- Leave a key to your mobile at the office or with a "year-round" resident/friend.
- Clean up around your mobile. Put anything that could blow away in a storm, inside your shed or mobile.
- Cut all shrubs, trees/plantings WAY BACK because they are going to grow like crazy during the rainy season!
- Please make sure your mobile has been power washed before you leave so the park continues to look nice.
- Try to make arrangements with someone to take a look around your property a couple of times while you are away, just to make sure everything is okay.
- Turn your water off on the outside of your mobile. You don't want a water leak.
- **Tie your mailbox shut & do a change of address with the post office.**

Bunco

By Lois Bircher

With 4 games instead of the traditional 3, Piggy Bank Bunco players are counting more pennies and taking home silver in exchange. Admission is still only one dollar. The bank will be opened on April 8th, loast night of play for this season. We will play April 1 and the 8th.

To date, Donna Cranmer is HI Scorer, 66 on March 26, and Bev Harbert is LO, only 18. Join us and try your luck!

Other LO Scorers have been

Carole Wiesent
Helga Frank (twice)
Leila Haigh
Joyce Larsen
Donna Cranmer

HI Scorers included

Pat Naglic (twice)
Lucy Jungkind (twice)
Bev Harbert
Joyce Larsen
Helga Frank





Test Your Knowledge of April Fools' Day

Answers to the April Fools' Day trivia can be found at the end of the quiz.

1. How does one celebrate April Fools' Day?
 - a) Share fun jokes with friends
 - b) Instigate riots
 - c) Participate in carnivals and parades
 - d) Play pranks on others
2. What animal/object is most associated with April Fools' Day?
 - a) Wild horse
 - b) Fancy mask
 - c) Bunny
 - d) Egg basket
 - e) Fish
3. Which of these is an alternate name for April Fools' Day?
 - a) Jokers' Day
 - b) Pranks' Day
 - c) All Fools' Day
 - d) Disguise Day
 - e) Fossil Fools' Day
4. The first reference of April Fools' Day (in literature) dates back to
 - a) 1392
 - b) 1492
 - c) 1592
 - d) 1692
5. Search engine giant Google is notorious for its April Fools' Day hoaxes. Which of these was one of them?
 - a) False launch of gmail
 - b) Announcement of Pigeon Rank
 - c) Google Map shows life forms on the moon.
 - d) Permanent black Google
6. On April 1, 1946, a powerful tsunami killed scores of unsuspecting people (who thought the warning was an April Fools hoax) at this Pacific island.
 - a) Hawaii
 - b) Guam
 - c) American Samoa
 - d) New Guinea
 - e) Fiji

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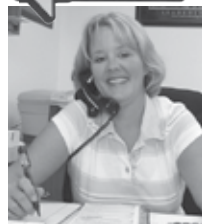
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7. The Iranians have their own version of April Fools' Day. This Persian holiday is called:
 - a) Sizdah Be-dar
 - b) Sepandarmazgan
 - c) Mehregan
8. In a 1980 April Fools' Day hoax, the BBC reported that the iconic Big Ben will undergo a drastic transformation. What was the transformation?
 - a) Becoming a Swiss watch
 - b) Double the size of the clock
 - c) Go digital
9. On April Fools' Day of 2009, travel site Expedia offered exclusive flights to this highly desired space destination.
 - a) The International Space Station
 - b) The Moon
 - c) Pluto
 - d) Mars
 - e) None of the above
10. One of the most famous April Fools' Day pranks in Holland was the news report of the collapse of which famous world monument?
 - a) The Tower of Pisa
 - b) The Statue of Liberty
 - c) The Eiffel Tower
 - d) The Taj Mahal
 - e) The Pyramid of Giza
11. In 1996, restaurant chain Taco Bell announced that it had purchased (on April Fools' Day) which natural treasure in an effort to help reduce government debts?
 - a) The Lincoln Memorial
 - b) Liberty Bell
 - c) The White House
 - d) Yellowstone National Park
 - e) Mount Rushmore
12. True or False: In Australia, April Foods' Day pranks and jokes should not last past noon.



Answer Key:

- 1)d 2)c 3)c 4)a 5)b 6)a 7)a 8)c 9)d 10)a 11)b 12) True



Some Interesting "Tax" Facts

April 15th is also the day that tax returns are due ... oh goody.

**If you drive a car, I'll tax the street;
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat;
If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat;
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet.**

- Taxman, George Harrison, via The Beatles

TAX TRIVIA:

- The earliest known tax was implemented in Mesopotamia over 4500 years ago, where people paid taxes throughout the year in the form of livestock, which was the typical currency at the time.
- If you steal something, it technically counts as income, and is taxable.
- The U.S. tax code contains 7,000,000,000 words. If you are counting zeroes, that is 7 BILLION, no Million. The Bible, called by many the greatest book of all time, has well under a million. The Gettysburg Address has 269 words, and that is often called the greatest speech ever written. The greatest love letter of all time, Tarzan's to Jane had only 98 words.
- The first income tax was created in 1861 during the Civil War to finance the war effort.
- In 1894 Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman tariff which was an income tax at the rate of 2% for income over \$4,000 but it was overturned by the Supreme Court in 1895.
- In February of 1913 the Sixteenth Amendment was ratified to the Constitution, granting Congress the power to collect taxes on personal income. The one page 1040 form was introduced the following year. Today (2012), it is 174 pages.
- The "easiest" tax form (1040EZ) has 33 pages of instruction.
- Six states have no individual income taxes: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, and Washington.
- Richard Nixon signed the Tax Reform Act of 1969, which essentially eliminated taxes for those living in poverty and raised taxes on certain rich groups by closing loopholes. However, during his presidency he also reduced the highest rates for the richest Americans from 70% to 50%.
- The first e-file (electronic transmission of a tax return) took place on January 24, 1986.
- The "Presidential Campaign Fund" check-box was created in 1972 in order to fund presidential elections. Since the inception of that check-off, over a billion dollars has been distributed to about a hundred primary election presidential candidates. The amount is deducted from any refund you may be due. In order to qualify, a candidate must get at least 5% of the vote.
- Car accidents have jumped consistently 6% on Tax Day over the past 30 years.
- Lady Godiva was an 11th century Anglo-Saxon noblewoman who took a famous naked horse ride through the streets of Coventry in order to get her husband to lower taxes on the locals.

- Pennsylvania's alcohol tax was designed to help the city of Johnstown, which had a devastating flood in 1936. Although Johnstown is in fine shape today, that tax is still collected to the tune of \$200,000,000 a year for the Keystone State.
- Over the last decade it is estimated that the tax code was amended or revised over 4,000 times, more than one change a day!
- New York costs 49 cents per gallon of gasoline in taxes, and \$4.35 for a pack of cigarettes.
- Married, childless people who rent their homes and earn an average to slightly above average salary get the fewest standard tax breaks.
- Effective in 2006, the Treasury Department said it will no longer collect a 3% federal excise tax on long-distance calls. The tax was imposed in 1898 to help pay for the Spanish-American War. The treasury said it was conceding its battle to uphold the tax after five appeals courts declared it illegal.
- President Nixon made it commonplace for presidents to publicly release their tax returns. Gerald Ford's tax returns are not public, but following Jimmy Carter, every US President and major US political figures have released their tax returns.

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			<div>1</div> 9:00a Walkercise 10:00a Aquacise 6:00p Bunco 6:30p Triple Play & Cribbage April Fool's Day	<div>2</div> 9:00a Miniputt 12:00p Splash Party 12:30p Shuffle 7:00p Court Whist
<div>5</div> Walkercise Dance Mtg@CH Shuffle Line Dancing Triple Play Hawaiian Dinner	<div>6</div> 7:30a Koffee 9:00a Walkercise 10:00a Aquacise 12:30p Nickle Bingo 6:15p Triple Play & Cribbage 7:00p Cards/Euchre	<div>7</div> 9:00a Walkercise 10:00a Pool Mtg 10:00a Golf 5:00p Mens Poker@HH 6:45p Bingo	<div>8</div> 9:00a Walkercise 10:00a Aquacise 6:00p Bunco 6:30p Triple Play & Cribbage	<div>9</div> 9:00a Miniputt 12:30p Shuffle
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<div>26</div> CLOSED Walkercise Shuffle Line Dancing Triple Play	<div>27</div> Administrative Assistant's Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:30a Koffee 10:00a Open Board 10:00a Aquacise 12:30p Nickle Bingo 6:15p Triple Play & Cribbage 7:00p Cards/Euchre	<div>28</div> Club House CLOSED 10:00a Golf 11:00-4:00 Ft Desoto Picnic 5:00p Mens Poker@HH	<div>29</div> Arbor Day Club House CLOSED	<div>30</div> 12:30p Shuffle



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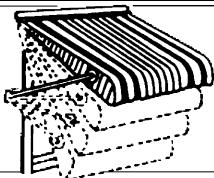


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The Old Coot Names the Problem

By: Merlin Lessler

He says, "I'm John." - I say, "Hi, I'm the Old Coot." I stare at him for a minute and then ask, "What was your name again?" An invisible bubble appears over his head, like the ones you see in cartoons; it reads, "For less than two seconds, this old coot can't recall my name, the most common name in the U.S.A. How could he forget so fast?" We are always astounded when someone forgets our name, but not at all cognizant that we don't remember their name.

Why is it so hard to get someone's name when we meet them for the first time? And then so hard to understand why they don't remember our name? Is it because we're concentrating on not missing their hand when reaching out to shake? Is it because we're distracted, wondering if that piece of spinach is still stuck in our teeth? Or, is it because we're fixated on their hair, wondering if it's a rug or a weave? There has to be something to explain our failure to accomplish so simple a task.

It's incurable for me, this memory failure. Even though I've been to several seminars where the topic of how to remember someone's name was painstakingly laid out for the attendees. I was taught to repeat the person's name, to say it back to them (It's so nice to meet you, John.) to use it several times in small talk. (John, where are you from? Where do you work John?

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Are you from around here John?) People are flattered when they hear you say their name, but most of the time, we end up faking it. I myself, muffle something indistinguishable. Or, like a lot of my old coot friends, I promote the person to a distinguished position in the social order: Governor, General, Mayor, Professor or some such flattering title that I hope will mask my ignorance.

There has to be a reason why many of us can't remember a person's name five seconds after being introduced. It's not an age thing or an old coot thing. Nor, is it a male thing, though most husbands turn to their wives immediately after being introduced to someone and whisper out of the side of their mouth, "What were their names?" And, then get irritated because the wife didn't do any better than they did. Which is really baffling, since she's the one who dragged them to the event in the first place. It's just another mystery of the human condition I'll never figure out. I expect to get creamed at the upcoming social affairs now that we are into the holiday season. I'll tell myself, Listen! Focus! Say the person's name! Repeat it! But in reality, I expected to elect a sea of Governors and Mayors and promote a ton of Generals over the next several weeks. How will you do?

15 Best April Fools Day Pranks from Movies

When it comes to the best April Fools Day pranks, it can be pretty hard to come up with the great practical jokes to get back at your buddies. So it's a good thing that movies are here to inspire us with a slew of great pranks perfect for April Fools Day. However, as funny as the practical jokes in the following movies are, please don't actually do any of this stuff to anyone you know (use them for movies to watch on April Fools Day to honor the best pranks and practical jokes instead):

Porky's - When it comes to classic movies full of pranks to watch for April Fools Day, you've got to check out this oldie but goodie. A group of guys are first all set up to believe that they're about to meet and greet Miss Cherry Forever, but thanks to the disturbing noises coming from the next room and what ensues, they end up believing that they just witnessed her murder. And so the bare-skinned buds are chased outside by a machete-wielding madman. This is one of the pranks from movies that I bet some guys out there have tried on April Fools Day, but I definitely would not recommend this one.

The Breakfast Club - So why did jock Andrew end up being a part of the Breakfast Club? He tried to pull one of the meanest practical jokes of teen movies: taping another student's butt cheeks together. This may not be one of the best movies for watching on April Fools Day, since the prank isn't ever shown, but it's still a lot of fun to watch. However, this is another of the pranks here I wouldn't recommend doing (back then it might have gotten you detention; today it would be considered sexual harassment).

Bride Wars - This is one of the movies that's best for watching on April Fools Day because it's loaded with mean-spirited pranks. Plus it's also one of the best April Fools Day movies for the ladies, since the fairer sex doesn't usually get to have as much fun as the guys. Tampering

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with a gal's mystic tan to make her orange; messing with hair dye to make a bride's "something blue" her new hairdo; and sending loads of sweets to an enemy so that she can't fit into her wedding dress are just a few of the pranks pulled here. So when it comes to movies for April Fools Day that focus on more feminine practical jokes, this is definitely one of the best.

Dumb and Dumber - Here's another of the movies on this list that's loaded with pranks, and one that's sure to be an April Fools Day favorite. How can we forget classic pranks like spiking your best bud's drink with a laxative right before he's supposed to meet up with a beautiful lady? There's also the old sell-a-dead-parrot-to-a-blind-kid prank and a practical joke that involves slipping extra-hot peppers into an unsuspecting diner's burger. However, out of all the pranks in 'Dumb and Dumber,' my favorite has to be the free beer trick: tell a group of guys that you're going to buy them a beer. Walk up to the waitress and tell her that the guys offered to buy you the beer and to put it on their tab, and point to their table. They'll wave, thinking that they're simply showing the waitress where to bring the brews. Then drink up and get the hell out of there. But while this seems like one of the best April Fools Day pranks to pull, it's definitely not one I'd recommend. However, when it comes to movies for April Fools' Day, this is one of the best and dumbest.

Animal House - This is definitely one of the best movies to watch for April Fools' Day, not just because it's loaded with pranks and practical jokes, but because it's a hilarious classic. Of course the best prank has to be sneaking a spoiled frat brat's horse into the dean's office (although it's horrible that the poor horse hits the hay, eternally). Once again, definitely not one of the pranks from the movies that you want to try yourself, but one of my favorite movies for watching on April Fools Day.

Van Wilder - File this one under the grossest practical jokes from movies and one that you should never, ever try for April Fools Day or otherwise. Like 'Animal House,' this movie involves a lot of college guys playing pranks on one another, but the King of Campus takes and bakes things a little too far by replacing the cream inside of a fraternity's pastries with something extremely disgusting. When it comes to April Fools Day pranks involving food, here's my advice; just watch movies like this and avoid potentially making somebody really sick.

Carrie - When it comes to pranks that really backfire, this is one of the movies on this list that might make you think twice about partaking in April Fools Day pranks. Making a girl prom queen just to dump a bucket of pigs' blood on her head is pretty cruel, and it could lead to the destruction and death of the whole school. So for April Fools Day pranksters looking to try and pull practical jokes on the downtrodden, this is one of the movies you definitely need to watch before April Fools Day.

Jawbreaker - And here's another of the movies on this list that features a prank gone horribly wrong, and another that proves that April Fools Day pranks involving food are a bad idea. In this instance, a girl is kidnapped by her friends on her birthday. They jam a jawbreaker in her mouth as a gag and toss her in the trunk of one of their cars, but their unfortunate pal

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chokes to death on the extra-large candy. Of course her pals attempt to cover up the accident, having to deal with the guilt and lying about what happened to her. Once again, you probably need to watch movies like this before planning your April Fools Day pranks.

Amelie - And here's one of the few movies that features pranks that aren't dangerous or disgusting to inspire you for April Fools Day. Amelie has a flight attendant take pictures of her father's garden gnome in different places around the world, making her father believe that his lawn decoration is a living globetrotter; sends long-lost love letters to a woman that misses her dead husband; and plays a few mean-spirited pranks on a neighbor that deserves it after she steals the key to his flat (like reversing the bathroom door knob and making his speed dial button that says "mother" dial a psychiatric helpline). So if you're looking for movies for April Fools Day that don't feature disgusting or horrible pranks, here's a fun film that features friendlier practical jokes.

Revenge of the Nerds - Nerds are known for being pretty smart guys, so it only makes sense that they would be behind some ingenuous pranks. Unfortunately, pretending to be a girl's boyfriend and letting things go to far is not a good idea, and it could get you in quite a bit of legal trouble. However, the 'liquid heat' (muscle rub) in the jock straps idea was brilliant. Still, the practical jokes in this April Fools Day movie are best left to the nerdy experts.

Borat - This whole movie basically is one big prank, so where to begin? I love his hijacking of the rodeo (the pro-America remarks are riotous, and Borat almost manages to cause a riot), but the scene where he returns to a dinner table of genteel Southern folk with something most unsavory in a plastic baggy is one of the funniest moments of the movie. So if you're looking for movies featuring the most epic real practical jokes for April Fools Day, you won't do better than this one.

Bruno - But this is one of the movies that comes pretty close to 'Borat' when it comes to real practical jokes. Bruno tried to convince Paula Abdul to sit on his living furniture (two gardeners hired to be human chairs); did an interview with Ron Paul, treating him like RuPaul the entire time; pretended that he had a baby shipped to him in a box; and told a television audience that he had obtained the baby by swapping it for an iPod and was giving him a traditional African name: O.J. However, the homoerotic end sequence that takes place in a cage-fighting rink in front of a very angry homophobic crowd is truly epic. So this April Fools Day, forget your own silly little pranks and get schooled by the master with the only two movies on this list comprised of real practical jokes.

MASH - Working on the wounded during the middle of a war is one tough job. So what's the best way to deal with it? Practical jokes, of course. Hawkeye and the gang came up with plenty that are April Fools worthy here, but the best include exposing Hot Lips to the whole camp by raising the wall in the shower tent and giving a suicidal man a fake poisonous 'black capsule' and then a nocturnal visit from a nurse to give him a new lease on life. And another of the best pranks from the movie includes anesthetizing an enemy ally and posing him with prostitutes as a form of blackmail. Once again, not pranks that you can try for April Fools Day,
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but all's fair in love and war (and movies).

American Graffiti - Amidst the moonings, cherry bombs, and Wolfman Jack's on-radio prank calls, this movie contains one of the biggest practical jokes of filmdom: to get initiated into a motorcycle gang, a crafty teen has to tie a cable onto the rear axle of a cop car, securing the other end of the cable to a post. He succeeds, and when the cop car takes off after said gang as they speed away from the scene of the crime, the two wheels and axle are yanked off in a glorious display of sparks and screeching metal. But while it may be one of the best movie pranks of all time, try to pull something like this, and you'll be doing hard time.

Fast Times at Ridgemont High - Back when Sean Penn didn't always seem so angry, he was playing a surfer dude with a snarly attitude, a toker and practical joker more worried about catching waves than making the grade. So what is his big claim to prankster fame? Having a pizza delivered to class (and you've also got to give kudos and a big tip to the pizza guy who complied with Spicoli's munchies-induced request).

HONORABLE MENTION:
Jaws - Learn this lesson from 'Jaws,' kiddies: the fake shark fin in the water is never funny (and you might just be taunting the ocean gods into sending a real great white your way). It's not one of the best movies for April Fools Day here, but it will definitely give you a good dose of pre-summer prank fear.

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