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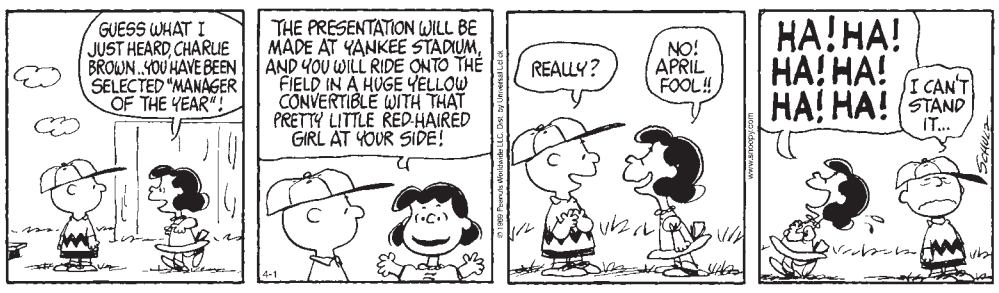

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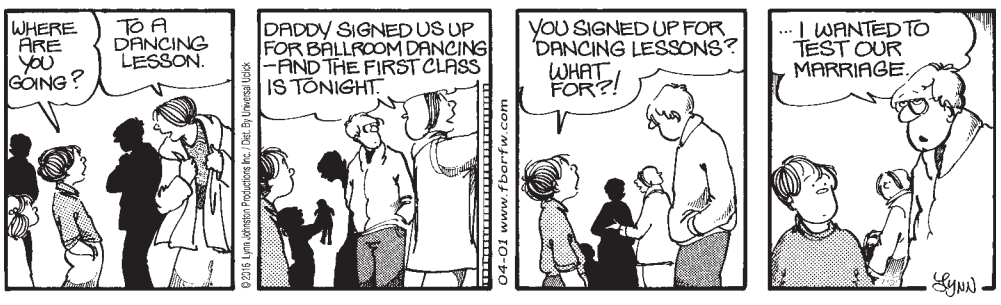

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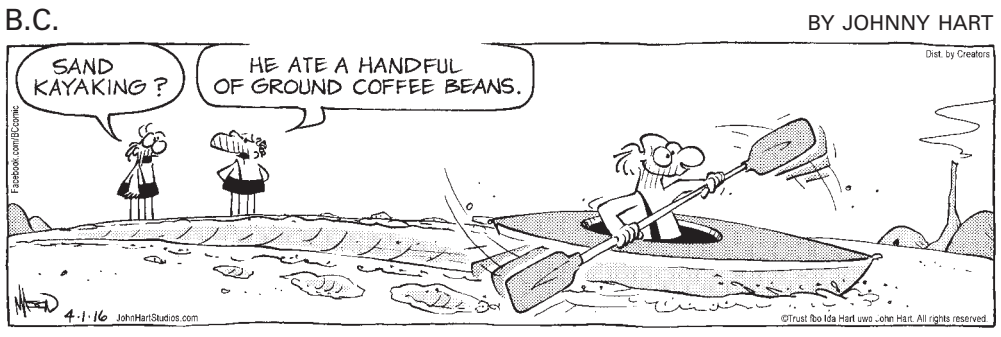

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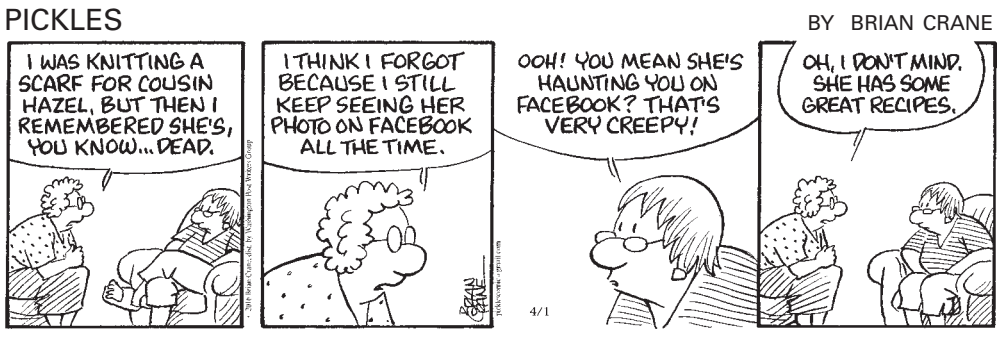

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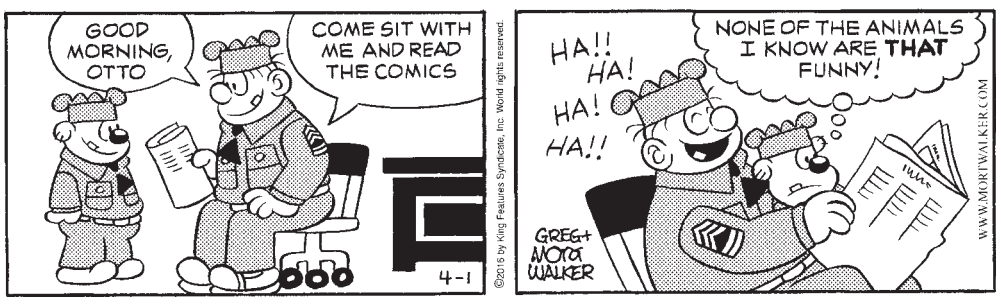

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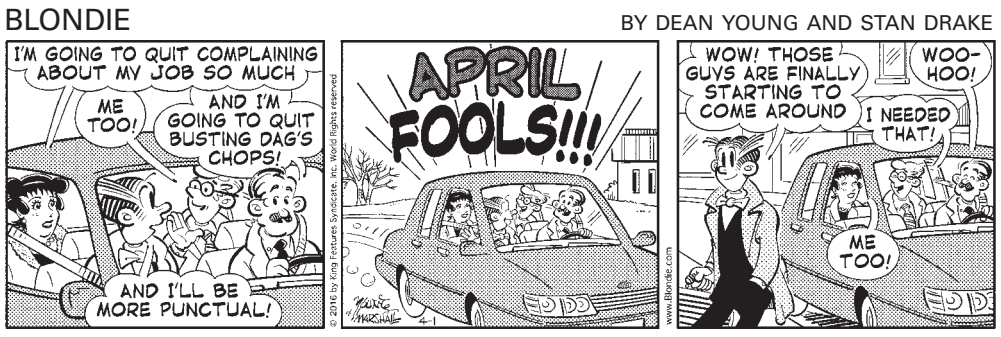

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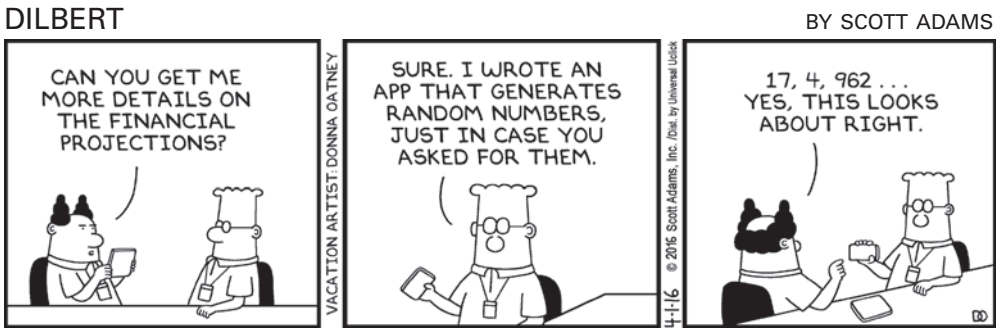

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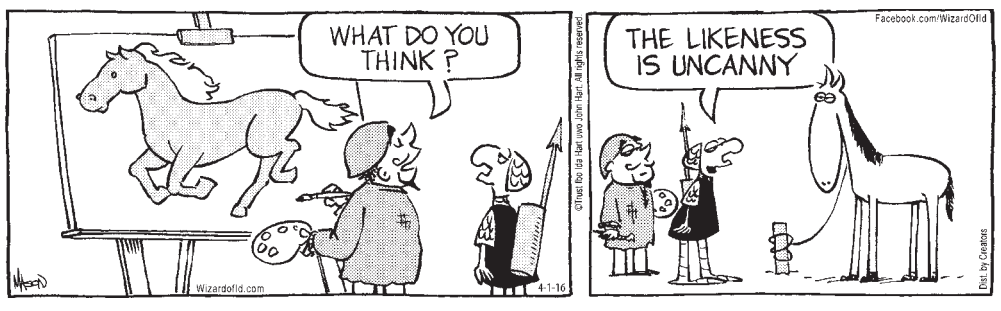

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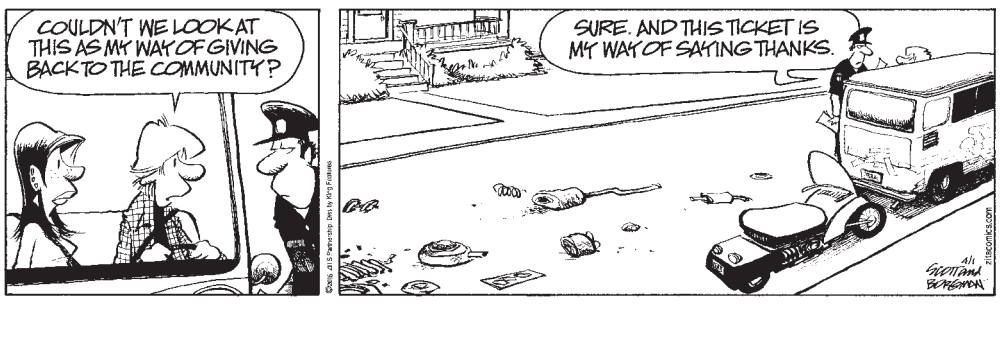

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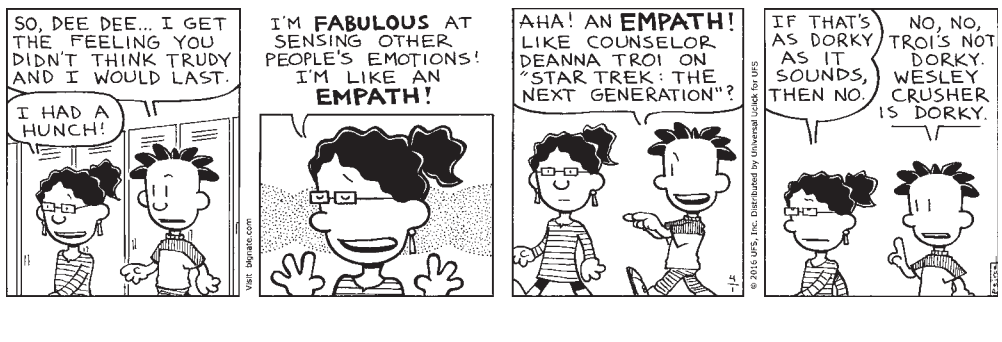

DEAR ABBY

Legs pulled and tales told on year's most foolish day

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Readers: I couldn't let April Fools' Day go by without featuring a few of the more colorful letters that have shown up in my mail recently:

Dear Abby: I'm getting ready to undergo my first-ever prostate exam. To be honest, I'm a bit nervous. What should I expect? Also, what's the dress code for something like this? I'm thinking about wearing nice slacks and a collared shirt.

The doctor has been patient and kind. He hasn't put any pressure on me. I want this to be special. I'm thinking about bringing a bottle of wine. After all, it's only the first time once. Advice? — **Untouched From The Virgin Islands**

Dear Untouched: Your attire isn't as important as your attitude. Just relax and let the doctor "handle" things. As to the wine, I have it on good authority that a nice bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon goes well with a prostate exam if you drink enough beforehand.

Dear Abby: I recently got a wedding invitation in the mail. However, it was meant for the previous occupants who used to live here. My question is, would it be wrong for me to crash the wedding? After all, I DID receive the invitation. I won't make a fuss, and I'll only be there for the free food. — **Likes Good Deals In Missouri**

Dear Likes: Like so many others.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend won't stop asking me to marry him. The first time he proposed, we were in the middle of a fancy restaurant. It was very sweet. Naturally, I said yes.

He must have liked the way the restaurant patrons and staff applauded us. Since then, he has proposed to me at a basketball game, in a museum, at a crowded party and in five other restaurants. When I tell him to stop, he says he loves me so much and wants everyone to know.

What can I do about him? I feel he's turning me into a con artist. We're no better than those people who tell servers it's their birthday just to get a piece of cake. — **Engaged In Deceit**

Dear Engaged: Your fiancé appears to like repeat performances. Now cross your fingers and hope he feels the same way about the wedding night.

Dear Abby: I love it when my husband mows the lawn. He does it shirtless and in his cutoff jeans, and it really gets me going. I'm so turned on by his pasty white skin and beer belly, it's hard for me to control myself.

Unfortunately, he has the same effect on other women in the neighborhood. I see them peeking through their curtains, staring at him. One woman sits on her porch with binoculars, blatantly ogling my man.

What should I do? I considered telling my husband to remain fully clothed when he does yard work, but that punishes him far more than it does them. — **Huffy Hoosier**

Dear Hoosier: Silly girl. With a husband so mesmerizing, think of the money you could make selling tickets!

Dear Abby: My dog Fred watches your column religiously. I don't think he understands the written word, at least not completely. But he sure tries. He sits there and looks at it intently. Sometimes he slobbers over the horoscopes — he's a Pisces — but never on your column.

I read your column out loud to him, too. He always barks during the funny parts. He's the smartest dog I've ever seen. Abby, I just wanted you to know you have a four-legged fan out there. — **Rosie In Roswell**

Dear Rosie: I'm "aarf-ully" touched to know that Fred's a fan. Wishing you and Fred and all of my readers a Happy April Fools' Day. — **Love, Abby**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 1, 1916

The Ford runabout in which they were riding going over the steep grade on the Dry Creek hill about three miles this side of Milton, Frank B. Hayes, superintendent of the water department, and Richard M. Mayberry, bookkeeper at the American National Bank, were early this morning pinioned beneath the car when it turned over at the foot of the grade. They were imprisoned there for fifteen minutes until another car came along, the occupants of which rescued them. Hayes sustained to broken ribs in the accident and Mayberry received a broken nose and several bad cuts about the face. However, both felt that they were very fortunate in escaping death or more serious injury.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 1, 1966

Ammunition destined for American soldiers in Viet Nam has been stopped cold by the strike of railroad firemen. A Union Pacific Railroad spokesman, George Skorney, Portland, said "There's not a train moving in the Northwest." Fourteen carloads of ammunition are stalled in Portland and 12 at the Umatilla Army Depot. Skorney said that John Helm, transportation officer at UAD, told him today he has "immediate need for 110 boxcars" to load with more ammunition for Viet Nam. "If he doesn't get those boxcars at once," Skorkey said, "Helm will have to resort to finding 335 trucks" to haul the ammunition.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 1, 1991

Some folks might be unhappy as owners of a smashed 1991 Camaro, but the Blue Mountain Community College mechanical technology department is excited about the latest addition to its educational vehicle fleet. The Camaro, donated by Carner Chevrolet in Pendleton, will be put to good use, especially as the automotive department expands as a National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation certified training program next fall. New cars, like the smashed Camaro, are valuable to the college program, BMCC automotive department chairman Duane DeGrofft said, because they allow students to gain experience working on cars they will be working with after graduation. The mechanical technology program has received five new model vehicles donated by car dealerships.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 92nd day of 2016. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 1, 1976, Apple Computer was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. The federally created Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail for short) began operations in the northeastern U.S. (it was taken over in 1999 by CSX and Norfolk Southern).

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 1924, Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich. (Hitler was released in December 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 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.)

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 87. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 84. Actor Don Hastings is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro is 77. Actress Ali MacGraw is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 77. Baseball All-Star Rusty Staub is 72. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 68. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 66. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 66. Actress Annette O'Toole is 64. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 63. Singer Susan Boyle is 55. Country singer Woody Lee is 48. Rapper-actor Method Man is 45. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 43.

Thought for Today: "Don't believe everything you read on the Internet." — *Attributed to President Abraham Lincoln.*