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# RAINCROSS

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### Welcome One and All!

We'd like to say welcome to all our new residents! We are always excited to see new faces. We hope you have a blast meeting all your neighbors. And don't be a stranger—join us on our next adventure outing.

### History of April

April is probably named for the Latin *aperire*, meaning "to open," referencing the blooming of trees and flowers. However, the Romans named the months for their gods, and as the month was considered sacred by Venus (due to the annual festival, Feast of Venus and the Good Luck of Men, which took place on the first day of the month), the name may come from her Greek name, Aphrodite (Aphros or Aphrilis).



### Put Aside Your Differences

Reconciliation Day, April 2, is an opportunity to forgive and forget.

### Easy Reading

To get the best light while you're reading, table lamps should project their glow just over your shoulder. Choose a lamp no shorter than 35 inches, or place a shorter lamp on a decorative box to increase its height.

- Julie Andersen ..... 4/7
- Marylou Moses ..... 4/15
- Jeanen Ott ..... 4/26
- Ves Vesely ..... 4/27



### Sleep on It

Whenever you have writer's block or get stuck doing a word game, a snooze might give you some fresh insight. Research shows that there is a link between sleep and creativity, as long as you doze long enough to reach the dream cycle.



## Trivia Whiz

### Busy Beavers

Known for their unique ability to adapt their environment to suit them, beavers are fascinating animals.

With powerful jaws and strong teeth, beavers fell trees and use them to build log and mud structures that block streams. These dams turn fields and forests into ponds.

Beaver dams are an important part of the ecosystem, helping slow floodwaters and control erosion.

These semi-aquatic rodents move easily through the water thanks to their stiff, flat tails and webbed feet. Their thick fur is waterproof, and they can hold their breath underwater for up to 15 minutes.

Beavers have orange teeth that never stop growing. They eat bark, roots and leaves from trees, as well as aquatic plants.



### Raincross Residents & Staff Helping Raise Money for the Alzheimer's Association



Bertie looking fabulous while raising money for a good cause.



### A Rose for Peace

Distinguished by luscious, creamy yellow petals edged with pink, it's a flower that symbolizes the end of a war and hope for the future—the Peace rose, introduced to the world on April 29, 1945.

The beautiful blossom's story begins in France, where it was developed by

third-generation rose breeder Francis Meiland between 1935 and 1939. With World War II looming, Meiland sent cuttings of the hybrid tea rose to friends in Germany, Italy and the U.S., who were able to grow the roses with great success. Marked by hardiness and large, long-lasting blooms, the new variety was destined to be a favorite in the gardening world.

Days before Germany's surrender, a ceremony for the new rose was held. As two doves were released, it was announced that the variety would be "named for the world's greatest desire: peace."

The Peace rose has been called the most popular rose in the world, with an estimated 40 to 50 million plants grown around the globe.

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## Out & About



Scenic Drive at the old Riverside airport.



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Mother and Daughter lunch date at the Mission Inn restaurant.



Gladys and Barbara enjoying the beautiful courtyard at the Mission Inn Restaurant.



Shopping at the Antique store in Downtown Riverside

## Wit & Wisdom

"Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world."

—Babe Ruth

"There are only two seasons—winter and baseball."

—Bill Veeck

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too."

—Yogi Berra

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

—Rogers Hornsby

"Now, there's three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain."

—Casey Stengel

"Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True.

And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona."

—George Will

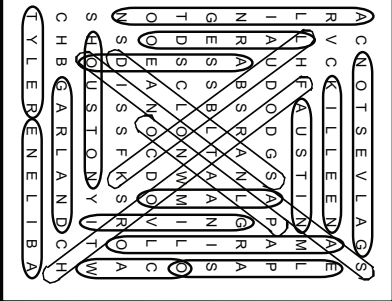
# Word Search

Category: Cities in Texas

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- Word Search Solution:
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| 6. Dallas     | 16. Odessa      |
| 7. El Paso    | 17. Plano       |
| 8. Fort Worth | 18. San Antonio |
| 9. Galveston  | 19. Tyler       |
| 10. Garland   | 20. Waco        |



## "This Month In History"

### APRIL

**1789:** George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

**1792:** Congress establishes the first U.S. Mint. It is in Philadelphia, which was the nation's capital at the time.

**1805:** Author Hans Christian Andersen is born in Denmark. He wrote more than 150 fairy tales for children, including the classics "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling."

**1817:** Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc establish the first American school for the deaf.

**1822:** Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted is born. He helped design some of the most famous parks in America, including Central Park in New York City.

**1925:** "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald is published.

**1949:** The Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opens on Broadway.

**1970:** Earth Day is observed for the first time.

**1974:** Hank Aaron hits his 715th home run, passing Babe Ruth as the all-time home run leader.

**1976:** Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak form Apple Computer Inc.

**1981:** The first space shuttle, Columbia, is launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

**1990:** The sketch comedy series "In Living Color" premieres on television. It is credited with helping to launch the careers of several Hollywood stars, including Jennifer Lopez, Jim Carrey and Jamie Foxx.