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Happy Easter!

It's a time of rebirth and renewal. Whether you're celebrating the arrival of spring, bunnies bearing eggs or the religious significance of Easter, our staff wishes all of you a wonderful holiday.



An Easter Promise

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
—Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

What Does April Stand for?

A is for April showers
P is for Planting crops and gardens
R is for Rainy days, then blue skies
I is for Indoor spring cleaning
L is for Leaving winter behind

Jokes and Hoaxes and Pranks, Oh My!

While its origins are not entirely clear, April 1, commonly known as April Fools' Day, has been a date for playing pranks for centuries, sometimes on a large scale. For example, in 2000, a news release was issued announcing the 15th Annual New York City April Fools' Day Parade. Besides throngs of spectators, two major news affiliates showed up to cover the phony event. To read about other classic capers, visit the April Fool Archive at www.MuseumOfHoaxes.com.



April Fools' Day

Watch out for practical jokes April 1.



Flourish of Flowers

Whether it's tulips, daffodils or azaleas, each April, from coast to coast, folks celebrate the flowers of spring. In some places, multi-day festivals have blossomed around their arrival. Washington's Skagit Valley is famous for its 300 acres of brightly colored tulip fields. More than half a million yellow daffodils are the center of attention in Meriden, Conn., and Wilmington, N.C., showcases its lush gardens of azaleas.

A Little Rain Must Fall

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." —Dolly Parton

Fragrant Forecast

Loved by many people, there's actually a name for the unmistakable scent of rain: petrichor. When certain plants and soil-dwelling bacteria get wet, they release oils and chemicals that create the earthy odor.

Spring Tradition

The first White House Easter Egg Roll occurred on April 2, 1877, while Rutherford B. Hayes was president. The annual event was discontinued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942. But President Dwight D. Eisenhower reinstated it on April 6, 1953.

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.

Don't Forget About Uncle Sam

Remember to mark your calendar for mid-April, when all taxes, requests for extensions and IRS payments are due. This year, avoid possible postal errors by selecting direct deposit for any refunds and paying taxes due with direct debit or a credit card. Give yourself a break and don't wait until the last minute!



Filing Deadline

Usually, the deadline to file tax returns is April 15, but that date falls on a Saturday this year. The District of Columbia celebrates Emancipation Day on Monday, pushing the 2017 tax deadline to Tuesday, April 18.



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



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

4/3

Bob Carson

4/12

Louise Short



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.

Spiritual Corner

April Church Services

- 4/2 Faith Fellowship Church
- 4/9 New Beginnings Church
- 4/16 Potter's House Ministry
- 4/23 Grace United Methodist
- 4/30 Central Christian Church



Monthly Celebrations

April showers bring May flowers. April also brings us:

- National Occupational Therapy Month. If you know a therapist, thank him or her for all they do to help others.
- Straw Hat Month. Top your noggin with a jaunty boater or sun hat.
- Stress Awareness Month. Don't let stress affect your health. Meditate or exercise to help you relax.



Top It Off

April is National Straw Hat Month, so dust off yours or consider purchasing one. It will help protect your head, ears and face from the rays of the spring and summer sun.



Remember Me?

Howdeeee! For more than 50 years, this is how Sarah Colley Cannon, better known as her character Minnie Pearl, greeted audiences. Wearing calico or gingham dresses and sporting a big straw hat with the price tag hanging down, Cannon was the undisputed queen of country comedy and an icon of the Grand Ole Opry. She passed away in 1996 at the age of 83 but left behind a legacy that won't be forgotten. Here are just a few highlights from her life and career.

- Cannon worked with a traveling production company that staged plays in small communities throughout the South. The many women she met provided inspiration for her character Minnie Pearl.
- She adopted the name Minnie Pearl because it combined two popular Southern names.
- Her trademark price tag came by accident when she forgot to cut the \$1.98 price tag off some plastic flowers she added to her straw hat.
- Cannon was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1975.

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 |
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| 8. Fort Worth | 18. San Antonio |
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