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## Fast Facts

- The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of the tradition Of April Fools was in 1582, in France.
- The origin of the "kick me" sign can be traced to "Taily Day" in Scotland.
- There is a custom among Jews that the act of making fools on the first of April arose from the fact that Noah sent out the dove on the first of the month corresponding to our April.
- April Fool jokes usually involve persuading someone to do something silly, like looking for hen's teeth, striped paint, a long weight, or some other non-existent thing.
- April Fool is the codename for a spy and double agent who played a key role in the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

## Trivia

1. Some believed this ancient Roman spring festival created the mockery of April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. A traditional joke of All Fool's Day was to tell someone they had what on their back?
3. What is a "Fool's Errand"?
4. In 1959 Hawaiian Citizens were told what as an April Fool's joke?
5. The 1986 film April Fool's Day was what kind of movie?
6. Legend has it that if you pull a prank after noon this will happen to you.
7. If a man is fooled by a woman on April Fool's what will they do?



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### April Fools In History/ On the Lighter Side

**1957** The BBC television programme Panorama ran a famous hoax showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees.

**1965** the BBC purported to conduct a trial of a new technology allowing the transmission of odor over the airwaves to all viewers. Many viewers reportedly contacted the BBC to report the trial's success.

**1976** British astronomer Patrick Moore told listeners of BBC2 that unique alignment of two planets would result in an upward gravitational pull making people lighter at precisely 9:47 a.m. that day. He invited his audience to jump in the air and experience "a strange floating sensation." Dozens of listeners phoned in to say the experiment had worked.

**1977** The Guardian printed a supplement in praising the fictional resort of San Serriffe, its two main islands (Upper Caisse and Lower Caisse), its capital (Bodoni), and its leader (General Pica). Intrigued readers were later disappointed to learn that sans serif did not exist except as references to typeface terminology.

**1995** Phil and Carrie Thornley get married.

**1996** Taco Bell took out a full-page advertisement in The New York Times announcing that they had purchased the Liberty Bell to "reduce the country's debt" and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell." When asked about the sale, White House press secretary Mike McCurry replied with tongue in cheek that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would henceforth be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

**1998** Burger King ran an ad in USA Today, saying that people could get a Whopper for left-handed people whose condiments were designed to drip at the right side.

**2000** Metric time - the time system will be changed to a one where units of time vary by powers of 10.

**2004** The Toronto Star reports that joggers in the city are upset at a new speed limit of 10 km/h in city parks; the limit is to reduce noise disruption during the sensitive mating season of the local black squirrel population

**2005** The Toronto Star reports that Ashton Kutcher and Paris Hilton are to star in a 2005 remake of Casablanca

### Birthdays this Week

- March 30**  
1962 M C Hammer [Stanley Kirk Burrell] rapper  
1968 Celine Dion singer  
1970 Secretariat race horse, triple crown (1973)
- March 31**  
1946 Gabe Kaplan comedian/actor (Welcome Back Kotter)  
1948 Rhea Perlman actress  
1959 Angus Young rock guitarist
- April 1**  
1809 Nikolai Gogol writer  
1926 Anne [Inez] McCaffrey sci-fi author
- April 2**  
0742 Charlemagne 1st Holy Roman emperor (800-14)  
1725 Casanova writer
- April 3**  
1924 Marlon Brando actor  
1934 Jane Goodall ethologist  
1942 Wayne Newton singer  
1944 Tony Orlando singer  
1961 Eddie Murphy actor
- April 4**  
1884 Isoroku Yamamoto Admiral/supreme commander of Japanese fleet
- April 5**  
1588 Thomas Hobbes philosopher  
1900 Spencer Tracy actor

### NEW! Events

**Non-Profit Organizations**  
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**Don't Forget! Spring Ahead.**  
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00a.m. on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**'Drama: One Act Play Festival'**  
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The Town of Three Hills is now accepting applications for individuals to take the 2006 census. This census will be conducted sometime during April. For further information, please call Tina Ward at 443-5822

### April Fool's Day

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### Word Search

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- April
- April fool's day
- fake gifts
- fool
- fool's errand
- fun
- gag
- gullible

- hillaria
- hoax
- humor
- jokes
- poisson d'Avril
- practical joke
- pranks
- spring
- tradition
- tricks

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### Answers to Trivia

- Hillaria
- A Spider
- An errand with a fake destination.
- Their State Taxes were being returned to them!
- Horror
- The Joke will be on you!
- Get Married

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Mar 16th Solution: St Patrick's Day

