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April Fools': The History of Pranks

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It's a great day. You're pranking people and laughing at their reactions. After a good day, you may be wondering, *How did this come to be?* Here is the answer. Even though this has been a tradition for centuries, we still don't know its exact origins. Some people say that it originated from the Roman festival of Hilaria, in which people dress in costumes. Some also say that it originated from the vernal equinox, because Mother Nature always gives us weird weather during spring (USA, am I right?). But, regardless of the origins, this has been a popular tradition, celebrated throughout the 18th century. A lot of people and organizations have gone to great lengths to celebrate April fools' day. For example, in 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, *Sports Illustrated* tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.



In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Look for these Easter eggs scattered within the issue! (The answer for the number of eggs will be revealed at the end.)



Five Ways to Save the Earth

Anshul Shukla

1. Recycle! This helps our planet to reuse our materials that we have used
 2. Try buying organic foods. This helps, because it won't produce as much pollution when transporting these foods.
 3. Use recycled paper. This paper is overall better for our planet. As you know, our teachers might give us a lot of paper that we usually recycle. By using recycled paper, you still get the paper you need, and you help the planet.
 4. Turn off the lights! If you leave the lights on in your home, your energy bill will spike. By turning them off, less energy is created and the amount of pollution is reduced.
 5. Use reusable water bottles. These help the planet by reducing landfill in our trash disposal areas. Not to mention that these bottles don't have to be replaced every single time.
- These are some tips you can use, but there are so many more things you can do. Go ahead. Be a superhero, and save the world.



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A Peep Behind the Scenes With the Easter Bunny

Tessa Miller

Thanks to some hard work, the Unami Times Newspaper was able to get an exclusive interview with the Easter Bunny himself. We were able to get some behind the scenes information from him about traveling the world, making all that candy, and even an unknown rivalry between Santa and him!



Interviewer: So, how do you travel the world all in one night? It must be pretty exhausting.

EB: It's exhausting all right. Bending the laws of physics is a pretty difficult job. For me, seeing kids happy on Easter morning makes it all worth it.

Interviewer: It's great that you enjoy your job! Next question: how and where do you make all your candy? You must have to make tons of it for all the kids who celebrate Easter.



EB: I have a lot of helpers that make the candy with me, and we use magic and technology to get the job done. As for where we make it, it was supposed to be a secret, but then someone on the inside spilled that the location of the workshop was Easter island and we've had to fend off tourists.

Interviewer: That must be frustrating.

EB: Indeed.

Interviewer: So I'm dying to know: what are your connections with other magical holiday patrons?

EB: Well the leprechauns and Cupid are okay, but don't even get me started on Santa Claus.

Interviewer: So I'm guessing you don't like him very much then?

EB: Not at all! He's constantly one-upping the rest of us and rubbing in how popular his holiday is!

Interviewer: I'm sensing that this is a sore subject so let's move on the last question. Do you have any egg dying patterns that are your favorites?

EB: I love making eggs with initials on them! For anyone that wants to know how, just get a white crayon and draw your initials on the egg, then dye it any color and you'll see what you wrote on your egg. It's simple, but it's cute. I also enjoy making tie-dye eggs because of all the pretty colors!

Interviewer: Me too! Is there anything else you'd like to add before we wrap this interview up?

EB: Have a Happy Easter everyone!

You heard it here folks, the Easter Bunny wishes you a happy Easter!

The Top Ten Things to Do When You Have a Break from School

Mia Mason and Jessica Tanhauser

Spring break is one of the few times that everyone can get a break from school, and here are some of the top ten things that you can do during spring break:

1. Sleep in
2. Go outside and have fun
3. Relax
4. Hang out with your friends
5. Read a good book
6. Spend time with your family
7. Admire nature
8. Catch up on your favorite TV shows
9. Eat/Drink refreshing springtime food and drinks
10. Go for an enjoyable walk



Earth Day Jokes

Tommy Balkir

1. Why did the leaf go to the doctor?
2. Why are people always tired on Earth Day?
3. How can you tell the ocean is friendly?
4. Why is grass so dangerous?
5. Why did the sun go to school?
6. How do you cut a wave in half?
7. What did the tree wear to the pool party?
8. What did the ground say to the earthquake?
9. What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
10. Why do tornadoes zigzag?
11. Why did the woman go outdoors with her purse open?
12. What's the difference between weather and climate?
13. What kind of plants grow on your hand?
14. What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
15. What is a tree's least favorite month?
16. Why are recycling bins so positive?
17. What did the little tree say to the big tree that was picking on him?



Answers:
1. It was feeling green
2. Because they just finished a March
3. It waves
4. Because it's full of blades.
5. To get brighter
6. Use a sea saw
7. Swimming trunks
8. "You crack me up"
9. Thunderwear
10. Because they're dizzy
11. Because she expected some change in the weather
12. You can't weather a tree, but you can climate
13. Palm trees
14. You have to be careful not to step in a puddle
15. Sep-timber
16. Because they're always full of cans
17. "Leaf me alone!"

Binary Challenge

Tommy Hetrick



Binary is simply made up of 1 and 0s, on and off inputs (0 being off, 1 being on). Usually, it is read left to right. It is based on powers with the base of 2; so, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 etc. Binary is “base 2” while our standard number system is “base 10.”

Take the number **10** for example, 10 can be made with an 8 and a two, which are numbers

we can use.

Therefore, you can break it up like this:

8 4 2 1

1 0 1 0 = 1010 which is equal to 10!

So, since we don't need a one or 4, those inputs are off, or zeros.

As well as this, you can add, multiply, etc. with binary!

To add with binary numbers:

1 0 1 0 = 10

+ 1 1 0 0 = 12

1 0 1 1 0 = 22



Beauty and the Beast: the Movie that Makes 2017

Marissa Pereira and Abigayle Dwyer

As many of you know, Disney has just released an exciting new version of Beauty and the Beast, starring Emma Watson (Belle), Dan Stevens (The Beast/Prince), Luke Evans (Gaston), Josh Gad (Lefou), and Kevin Kline (Belle's dad). This fantasy extravaganza includes many twists and turns. Without giving too many spoilers, Beauty and the Beast is a traditional fairytale about a young maiden who falls in love with a hideous beast. The movie is “visually stunning” and has unique costumes that bring the movie to life. It all starts with a rose and ends with an everlasting love. We recommend this movie to anyone who enjoys a Disney classic!



Prank Time Central

Shreyas Ramkumar

April fools' day is this month. You desperately need some ideas for hilarious pranks to use on your family members, friends, and relatives. Look no more, because I will be telling you some of the funniest, most hilarious pranks you can use on your family members, friends, relatives, and teachers. (Disclaimer: Not in order of hilariousness)



Ransomed Knick Knacks- Take something unimportant from a sibling's desk, such as a paper-weight or pair of scissors, and leave a ransom note in its place.

Why isn't this mouse working!?- For this prank, you have to take a mouse and tape a piece of paper to the red part of the mouse (tech noob, am I right?). For extra laughs, draw a troll face on the paper.

Cruel and Unusual- Getting some bagels, huh? Here is a cruel and hilarious way to prank your friend with bagels. First, get two bagels (one for you, and one for the said victim). Then, put cream cheese on your bagel, and mayonnaise on your friend's bagel. The important part of this prank is when you give the bagel to your friend. Make sure you don't start laughing or doing any other weird and obvious expression.

TV Time- This prank is classic but hilarious. Take a TV remote and flip the batteries to make sure that they are facing the wrong way (the bump part is facing the spring). Then, put the remote back in its original place and pretend nothing happened. If your victim is like one of my relatives, they will keep whacking the TV remote on their hand until it hurts. After they're done, explain what you did and prepare for the expressions on their face!

Feather Nose- This works best if you have an older sibling. You will need some whipped cream or shaving cream and a feather. First, when your sibling is sleeping, put shaving cream on their hand. Then, slightly tickle them in the nose to make them scratch their nose. For fool-proofness, put shaving cream on both hands, but not so much that you anger your dad!

Oreo No-Moreo- This prank is similar to **Cruel and Unusual**, but in this case, you use Oreos. Use mayonnaise for this because of the fact that swallowing toothpaste can be harmful for you. Open the oreo cookie carefully, take the cream out and put mayonnaise into the oreo, and seal it back. Then prepare to watch the reactions of your friends when they taste what they didn't expect!



Games

Jokes and Riddles

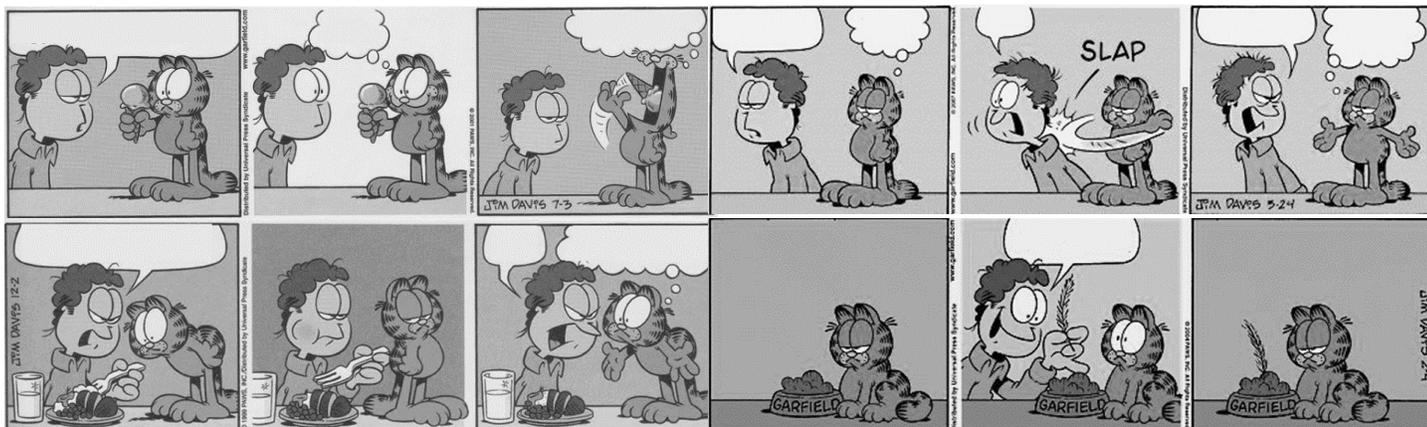
Mehir Badlani

1. Why did the cupcake cross the road?
2. Why can't you keep a clock in jail?
3. Why was the picture sent to jail?
4. A prisoner was in Jail. All he had was a piano, somehow he escaped, how did he do it?
5. Why is it dangerous to play cards in the jungle?
6. What is small, Round and green, and knows karate? (Think vegetables)
7. What kind of Potatoes would you get if you stepped into a boxing ring with the heavyweight champion of France?
8. Where do Rivers sleep?
9. When is the Ocean Friendliest?
10. How did the Patient get to the hospital so fast?
11. What did a person with his phone say in a jail?
12. What did the Javelin say when it was thrown at the Olympics?
13. What kind of house weighs the least?
14. Why did the math book go to the doctor?
15. Why are bacteria bad mathematicians?
16. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Sun Bear. Sun Bear who?
17. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Summons. Summons who?
18. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Imus. Imus who?
19. Parent: Knock-Knock. Child: Who's There? Parent: Pasture. Child: Pasture who?
20. How did the Norse God take his temperature?
21. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Apollo G. Apollo G. Who?
22. Knock-Knock. Who's There? CIA. CIA who?
23. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Closure. Closure who?
24. Knock-Knock. Who's There? (Hugh's There?)
25. Knock-Knock. Who's There? Dishes. Dishes who?

1. Because it was a piece of Cake. 2. Because time is always running out. 3. It was framed! 4. He played the piano until he found the right key. 5. Because of all the Cheetahs. 6. Bruce Pea. 7. French Fright (Fried). 8. In River Beds. 9. When it waves. 10. He flu. 11. I have no bars! 12. Spear Mei! Spear Mei! 13. A Lighthouse. 14. Because he had problems. 15. Because they multiply by dividing. 16. Sun bear over the rainbow... Sun bear over the rainbow! 17. Summons at the door! 18. Imus get an A on my Math Test! 19. Parent: Pasture bedtime, isn't it? 20. With a Thor-mometer. 21. Apollo G. Accepted. 22. CIA Ate the whole cake! 23. Closure mouth when you eat. 24. Hugh Nam! 25. Dishes mission control speaking.

Caption This!

Mehir Badlani



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Games

Word Search

Julia Schofield

M E E F W N N B B O S G C A R S S Y Y Z I D T Q R
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Rose

Flowers

Sunshine

Cherry blossom

Butterfly

Blue

Stream

Daylight savings

April

Mountain

Stream

Bird

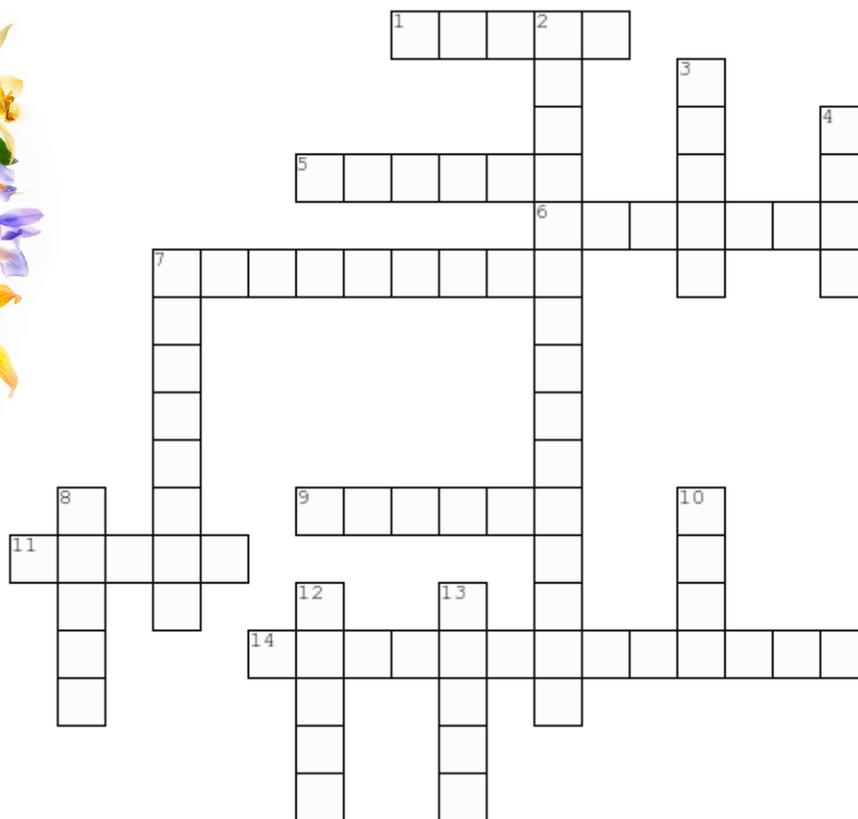
Crossword Puzzle

Holly Mirales

Spring Crossword

By Holly Mirales

If there are two words, there will be a space between them in the puzzle (i.e. "spring crossword" not "springcrossword")



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Across

- 1. hatched from an egg
- 5. plant that blooms in spring
- 6. after the rain comes the ____
- 7. used to be a caterpillar
- 9. ____ gives out free water ice on the first day of spring
- 11. April ____ holiday
- 14. college basketball tournament

Down

- 2. trees with pink petals that bloom in spring
- 3. animal with fluffy tail
- 4. rhymes with dawn
- 7. batter up!
- 8. first sign of spring
- 10. precipitation
- 12. IRS
- 13. baaaaaaaaaaaaa (animal)

