



The ideal time to plant is when it's overcast, with rain in the forecast and no frosts or heat waves expected. If conditions don't cooperate, then try to plant in the late afternoon or early evening to minimize the time the seedlings bake in the sun. The day before planting, water the plants so that the soil in the pots is moist. Keep your seedlings in the shade until you're actually ready to plant each one. Don't pull a plant out of its container until you've dug the hole for it. Snip away any damaged roots with scissors or pruners. If the roots are a solid mass, gently tease some away from the center, trying not to break them. Firm the soil around your seedlings, but don't press so hard that you compact it. Give each seedling a thorough watering. How hard is it to put a seed in the ground, anyway? Not hard. Nature does it all the time. But of the thousands of seeds a plant may release, only one or two might germinate and grow. Hedge your bets by not planting every seed in the pack. If any seeds don't sprout, you'll have extra to fill in the empty spaces.

'APRIL IS A PROMISE THAT MAY IS BOUND TO KEEP.' ~ HAL BORLAND

April's Full Moon is known as the Full Pink Moon because it heralds the appearance of wild ground phlox or moss pink, one of the first spring flowers. It is also known by many other names that announce the arrival of spring, including the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, and the Fish Moon.

**RIDDLE ME THIS...**  
**I have many feathers to help me fly. I have a body and head, but I am not alive. It is your strength which determines how far I go. You can hold me in your hand, but I am never thrown. What am I?**

More people speak English in China than the United States

The human foot has 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles and tendons. The 52 bones in your feet make up about 25 percent of all the bones in your body.



NEW MOON ~ APR. 7<sup>TH</sup>



FIRST QUARTER ~ APR. 14<sup>TH</sup>



FULL MOON ~ APR. 22<sup>ND</sup>



LAST QUARTER ~ APR. 30<sup>TH</sup>

**Most American car horns honk in the key of F.**  
**SOME CLASSIC PRANKS FOR APRIL FOOLS**

- Freeze Mentos into ice cubes to geyser your soda loving friends!
- Drape pants over a toilet seat and place shoes on the floor to make a bathroom stall look like it is occupied all day!
- Unscrew a shower head, place a bouillon cube and replace the shower head. Now wait for your victim to take a *soup-er* shower!
- Eat a pint of ice cream that your spouse or roommate buys, replace with water and freeze. This fools them and you get to eat the ice cream!
- Leave a bowl of mixed skittles and m&ms for people to enjoy!
- Unroll toilet paper a few sheets, draw a small spider then roll back up again. Works every time!

**In 1912, a law passed in Nebraska where drivers in the country at night were required to stop every 150 yards, send up a skyrocket, wait eight minutes for the road to clear before proceeding cautiously, all the while blowing their horn and shooting off flares.**

**THE ORIGIN OF APRIL FOOLS**

Ancient cultures, including those of the Romans and Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows the vernal equinox (March 20th or March 21st.) In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year.



In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated Jan. 1. That year, France adopted the reformed calendar and shifted New Year's day to Jan. 1. According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

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**"SOCIETY GROWS GREAT WHEN OLD MEN PLANT TREES WHOSE SHADE THEY KNOW THEY SHALL NEVER SIT IN."**



**Plant A Tree In Honor of Arbor Day, April 29th**

THE "SIXTH SICK SHEIK'S SIXTH SHEEP'S SICK" IS SAID TO BE THE TOUGHEST TONGUE TWISTER IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva. For example, if a strong-tasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved, however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods.

RIDDLE ME THIS ANSWER: AN ARROW

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"ONCE ACQUIRED, KNOWLEDGE FEELS LIKE COMMON SENSE."  
~MOKOKOMA MOKHONOANA~

### LIGHTNING NEVER STRIKES TWICE?

A British officer, **Major Summerford**, while fighting in the fields of Flanders in February 1918 was knocked off his horse by a flash of lightning and paralyzed from the waist down. Summerford retired and moved to Vancouver. One day in 1924, as he fished alongside a river, lightning hit the tree he was sitting under and paralyzed his right side.



Two years later Summerford was sufficiently recovered that he was able to take walks in a local park. He was walking there one summer day in 1930 when a lightning bolt smashed into him, permanently paralyzing him. He died two years later. But lightning sought him out one last time. Four years later, during a storm, lightning struck a cemetery and destroyed a tombstone. The deceased buried there? Major Summerford.

### DUPLICITY AT ITS FINEST

His name was Joan Pujol Garcia, and he was a Spanish spy working as a double agent for both the Allies and Nazis. Throughout his time as a double agent, Garcia gave the Nazis a mixture of false reports, true but nonessential information, and high-value info that had arrived a little too late. He and his British MI5 handler even created a network of 27 fictitious subordinate agents who all received salaries from the Nazis and submitted expense reports. Garcia was eventually given both the Iron Cross by the Germans and the Most Excellent Order by the British Empire.

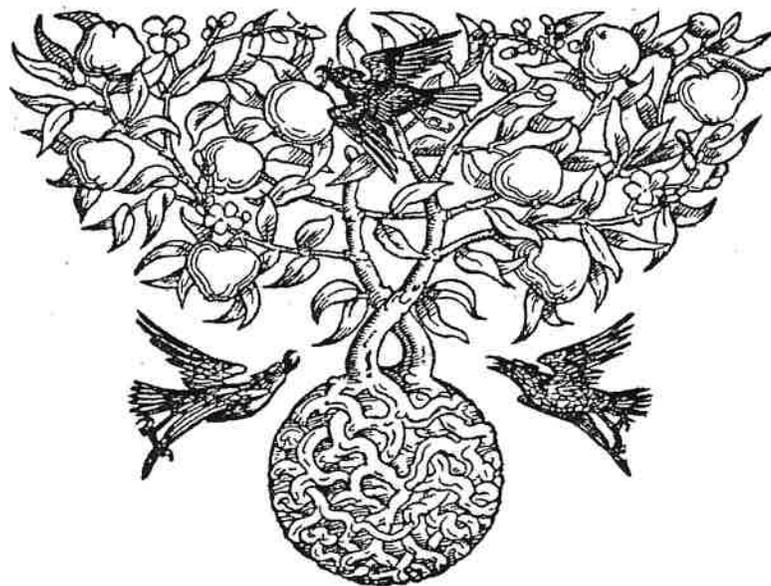
It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to and from the New World.

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*'ESSENTIALLY, MANY OF THE ERRORS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED ON THE PHYSICAL PLANE ARE DUE IN FACT TO MISMANAGEMENT ON THE PARTS OF ENTITIES ON THE INNER PLANES.'*

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