April Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between April 1–19 are Rams of Aries. As the first sign of the zodiac, Aries are energetic and assertive initiators. With bravery, zeal, and speed, they jump headfirst into life, confident that they can navigate any challenges. Those born between April 20–30 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls are stable, reliable, and committed in both work and family. Bulls also appreciate love, beauty, and creativity, making them lovers of the good life.

Buddy Ebsen – April 2, 1908
Marlon Brando – April 3, 1924
Bette Davis – April 5, 1908
Billie Holiday – April 7, 1915
Beverly Cleary – April 12, 1916
Tom Clancy – April 12, 1947
Pete Rose – April 14, 1941
Wilbur Wright – April 16, 1867
Harry Reasoner – April 17, 1923
Charles Grodin – April 21, 1935
Roy Orbison – April 23, 1936
Al Pacino – April 25, 1940
Duke Ellington – April 29, 1899

April Birthdays

Bernice M.........6th
Kathryn S.........9th
Kathy P.........12th
Art L.........16th
Daniel M.........19th
Noni G.........22nd
Marshall O.........23rd
Larry V.........27th

Notable Quotable

“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”
- John Muir, naturalist

Easter Customs Around the World

Sunday, April 9, heralds Christianity’s holiest day—Easter. This day commemorates the biblical resurrection of Jesus Christ. The story of his life after crucifixion in 1 AD proved to early Christians that Jesus was truly the son of God and serves as a reminder of the Judeo-Christian promise of eternal life to those who believe. People all over the world celebrate the resurrection story in different ways. Many, unsurprisingly, attend church services. Many, too, paint colorful Easter eggs as symbols of life. Often these painted eggs (or plastic eggs filled with candy) are gifts from the Easter bunny. This may sound strange since bunnies don’t lay eggs. However, bunnies and eggs have long been symbols of fertility. It’s no coincidence that Easter coincides with the season of rebirth. Many non-Christian traditions such as those of the vernal equinox have merged with those of the church. Yet there are even stranger Easter customs than bunnies and eggs. Instead of a bunny, Australia has an Easter bilby—an endangered, cat-sized desert marsupial, with a pouch like a kangaroo, that looks like a cross between a rabbit and a rat. Those in the Czech Republic bestow wishes of health and youth with pussy willow branches entwined in colorful ribbons. In the town of Vrontados, on the Greek island of Crete, two churches even engage in mock war. During Rouketopolemos, the “Rocket War,” the churches shoot hundreds of fireworks at each other. Surrounding homes are covered with boards and sheet metal for protection. Whichever church lands the most hits at the opposing church’s belltower wins. However, each year there’s a disagreement over the winner—and a vow to settle the score next Easter.
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