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## APRIL FOOL'S DAY

The annual custom on April 1st consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes.

Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at the recipient. Mass media can be involved with these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day. The custom of setting aside a day for playing harmless pranks upon one's neighbor has been relatively common in the world historically.



*An April Fool's Day prank marking the construction of the Copenhagen Metro in 2001*

the spaghetti. CNN later called it "undoubtedly the biggest hoax that any reputable news establishment ever pulled."

The BBC was back at it in 1965 when it interviewed a professor who had invented "Smellovision," a new technology that allowed for the transmission of aromas through a television screen. Following a demonstration, numerous viewers called the BBC to confirm that they had detected the scents.

### Notable April Fool's Jokes and Hoaxes

In what may be the first televised April Fools' Day hoax, the BBC aired a segment in 1957 that featured spaghetti-growing trees in Switzerland. The broadcast claimed that the dreaded spaghetti weevil had been eradicated, leading to a bumper crop of spaghetti. The BBC even aired clips of people "harvesting"

In 1996 Taco Bell announced that it had purchased the Liberty Bell and renamed it the Taco Liberty Bell. The restaurant chain claimed that the acquisition was to help with the U.S. debt. (The Liberty Bell is actually owned by the city of Philadelphia, though the National Park Service [NPS] maintains it.) The news upset many Americans, and the NPS was forced to hold a press conference that refuted Taco Bell's claim.

In 1992 NPR declared that Richard Nixon, who resigned as president in 1974 amid the Watergate scandal, was entering that year's presidential race. The radio network said his slogan was, "I never did anything wrong, and I won't do it again."

Source ~  
[www.britannica.com/topic/April-Fools-Day](http://www.britannica.com/topic/April-Fools-Day)

## APRIL 2025

1st	<b>April Fool's Day</b>
2nd	<b>Autism Awareness Day</b>
12th	<b>Passover Begins</b>
13th	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
18th	<b>Good Friday</b>
20th	<b>EASTER</b>
20th	<b>Passover Ends</b>
22nd	<b>Earth Day</b>
23rd	<b>Holocaust Remembrance Day</b>
25th	<b>Arbor Day</b>

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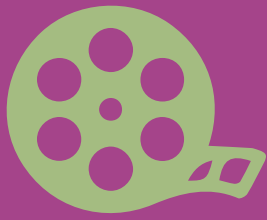
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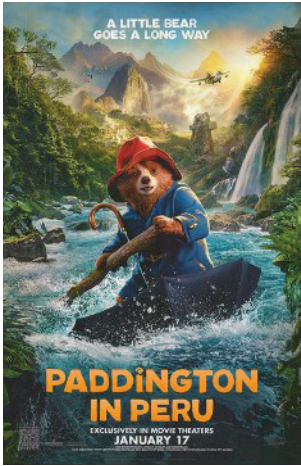
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# Movie MADNESS

## April 2025 Movie Releases



### April 1st ~ Paddington in Peru

Paddington embarks on a new adventure with the Brown family, travelling through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears.



### April 11th ~ The Amateur

Charlie Heller is a brilliant, but deeply introverted decoder for the CIA. His life is turned upside down when his wife is killed in a London terrorist attack. When his supervisors refuse to take action, he takes matters into his own hands, embarking on a dangerous trek across the globe to track down those responsible, with his intelligence serving as the ultimate weapon for eluding his pursuers and achieving his revenge.



### April 4th ~ The Friend

Iris finds her comfortable, solitary New York life thrown into disarray after her closest friend and mentor dies suddenly and bequeaths her his beloved 150 pound Great Dane. The regal yet intractable beast, named Apollo, immediately creates practical problems for Iris, from furniture destruction to eviction notices. His looming presence reminds her of her friend's problematic choices in both life and death. Yet as Iris finds herself unexpectedly bonding with the animal, she begins to come to terms with her past, her lost friend, and her own creative inner life.



### April 11th ~ The King of Kings

A father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. The King of Kings invites us to rediscover the enduring power of hope, love, and redemption through the eyes of a child.



### April 10th ~ G20

Set at a G20 Summit, which is overtaken by terrorists. Viola Davis is playing the American president--Taylor Sutton--who must bring all her statecraft and military experience to bear to defend her family, her fellow leaders, and, of course, the world.



### April 11th ~ Gunslingers

When the most wanted man in America surfaces in a small town, his violent history soon follow. As brothers face off against one another and bullets tear the town to shreds, this lightning-fast gunslinger makes his enemies pay the ultimate price for their greed.



# Culinary CREATIONS

## Enjoy these Delicious Easter Brunch Recipes!

### Sheet Pan Pancakes

- 2 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 1/4 c. whole buttermilk, room temperature
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter, melted and divided, plus more for serving
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. blueberries
- 1/2 c. sliced strawberries
- 1/2 c. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- Maple syrup, to serve

Preheat the oven to 425°F. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In a medium bowl, whisk together the buttermilk and eggs. Add the buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture, along with 4 tablespoons of the melted butter and the vanilla. Stir the batter together until just combined. Brush an 18-by-13-inch sheet pan with 2 tablespoons of the melted butter, then pour in the pancake batter. Sprinkle the batter with the blueberries, strawberries, chocolate chips, and pecans, as desired. Bake until golden, 15 to 18 minutes. Brush the remaining 2 tablespoons of melted butter over the surface of the pancake. Cut into squares and serve with more butter and maple syrup. ~ Source: [www.thepioneerwoman.com](http://www.thepioneerwoman.com)



### Fruity Waffle Parfaits

- 4 frozen low-fat multigrain waffles
- 1/2 cup almond butter or creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups strawberry yogurt
- 2 large bananas, sliced
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- Toasted chopped almonds, optional
- Maple syrup, optional

Toast waffles according to package directions. Spread each waffle with 2 tablespoons almond butter. Cut waffles into bite-sized pieces. Layer half the yogurt, bananas, strawberries and waffle pieces into 4 parfait glasses. Repeat layers. If desired, top with toasted almonds and maple syrup. ~ Source: [www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)



### Easter Brunch Punch

- 1 (52-oz.) bottle refrigerated strawberry lemonade, such as Simply Lemonade brand
- 1 lb. fresh or frozen rhubarb, trimmed and cut into large chunks
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 (1-liter) bottle club soda, chilled
- Garnishes: strawberries, mint sprigs, and lemon slices

**Make Rhubarb Syrup:** Stir together the rhubarb, sugar, and 2 cups of water in a medium saucepan. Simmer until rhubarb is completely broken down, about 10-15 minutes. Let cool, strain, and chill until ready to use. (You can make and chill the simple syrup overnight if desired).

**Make Punch:** Just before serving, combine the remaining strawberry lemonade, club soda, and about half of the rhubarb simple syrup in a punch bowl. Taste it for sweetness and add more syrup if desired. Garnish with strawberries, mint sprigs, and lemon slices. ~ Source: [www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com)



# ! YOUR Safety

## Egg Handling and Safety Tips

**When you are decorating, cooking or hiding Easter eggs, extra care is needed to enjoy them without the risk of getting sick. Here are some important safe handling tips to remember this time of year:**

- Inspect the eggs before purchasing them and make sure they are not dirty or cracked. Dangerous bacteria may enter a cracked egg.
- Store eggs in their original carton in the refrigerator rather than the refrigerator door.
- Wash your hands with soap and water before handling the eggs when cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding them.
- Refrigerate hard-cooked Easter eggs until just before the hunt.
- If you are having an Easter egg hunt, consider hiding places carefully. Avoid areas where the eggs might come into contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects, lawn chemicals, or other potential sources of bacteria.
- After the hunt, find all the eggs you have hidden. Discard cracked or dirty eggs and eggs left unrefrigerated for more than 2 hours. Rinse uncracked eggs and put them in the refrigerator until it's time to eat them.
- DO NOT EAT hard-boiled eggs used for an egg hunt or as decorations if they have been at temperatures above 40°F for more than two hours; discard them.
- Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs in their shells and use them within one (1) week.



Source: <https://food.unl.edu/article/egg-handling-and-safety-tips-easter>

## Create Paper Chain Characters!



Step 1



Cut 7 strips of card, each 2 inches wide, along the short edge.

Step 2



Take one strip and staple the ends together to make the first link.

Step 3



For the second link, thread the strip through the first link and staple the ends together.

Step 4



Cut out the character's face and feet.

Step 5



Assemble the face pieces and attach them to the top loop using glue.

Step 6



Stick the feet to the bottom loops, and add a hanging thread.

### Here's what you'll need:

- Different shades of colored paper
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Glue
- Googly eyes

Source: <https://www.bakerross.co.uk/craft-ideas/kids/easter-paper-chain-characters/>