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See a Solar Eclipse

On April 8, millions of people in the U.S. will have the chance to witness the spectacle of a total solar eclipse, when the moon will pass in front of the sun and darken the sky. This astronomical event will span across the continent from Mexico to northeastern Canada. In the path of totality, the darkness will last up to 4 1/2 minutes, nearly twice as long as the total solar eclipse in 2017. Even those outside the main path can experience a partial eclipse, where the moon will partially block the sun.

Remember, you should never look directly at the sun during an eclipse event. Be sure to wear solar viewing glasses, use approved solar filters on cameras and binoculars, or view the eclipse indirectly with a pinhole camera.

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Welcome to April

The world is remembering its roots this month as spring starts turning everything green! No matter how fickle the weather may be, we always anticipate the new beginnings this freshest of months brings. Of course, April is full of other celebrations, like April Fools' Day (1st), Earth Day (22nd) and even National Velociraptor Awareness Day (18th). However you choose to have fun this month, we hope you enjoy the brightening days!

Dabble in Scrabble

Have some F-U-N on April 13, National Scrabble Day. Fans of the popular board game often turn to "The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary," which was most recently updated in 2022 and now contains more than 100,000 words. Improve your Scrabble strategy by brushing up on two-letter words—they can often be placed to take advantage of double or triple score squares.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 |    | | | | |
| <p>All Events Are Subject to Change</p> | | | | | | |



Home Field Advantage

From historic fields to modern spaces, fans of Major League Baseball can see the action play out in 30 different ballparks. Here's a partial lineup of those venues and when they were unveiled.

| Year Built | Stadium | Team |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1912 | Fenway Park | Boston Red Sox |
| 1914 | Wrigley Field | Chicago Cubs |
| 1962 | Dodger Stadium | Los Angeles Dodgers |
| 1973 | Kauffman Stadium | Kansas City Royals |
| 1992 | Camden Yards | Baltimore Orioles |
| 2003 | Great American Ball Park | Cincinnati Reds |
| 2012 | LoanDepot Park | Miami Marlins |
| 2020 | Globe Life Field | Texas Rangers |

"This Month In History"

APRIL

1860: The first Pony Express rider leaves St. Joseph, Mo.

1908: Home to large sandstone pathways formed over time by flowing water, the Natural Bridges National Monument is established in southeast Utah.

1932: Dr. Charles Glen King, a chemistry professor at the University of Pittsburgh, isolates vitamin C from lemon juice. This breakthrough made it possible to accurately study the nutrient's properties and benefits in medicine.

1956: Daytime soap opera "As the World Turns" premieres on television. It was the first soap to have a half-hour runtime, rather than just 15 minutes.

1970: Almost 56 hours into a mission to the moon, Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell reports to ground control, "Houston, we've had a problem." Days later, after a gripping rescue mission, millions around the world watched the spacecraft splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

1994: South Africa holds its first multiracial elections, with Nelson Mandela earning 62% of the popular vote to become the country's first Black president.

2010: Apple debuts its tablet computer, the iPad. Consumers purchased 300,000 units on the first day.

2021: A rare copy of "Action Comics #1," featuring the debut of Superman, sells for a record-breaking \$3.25 million.