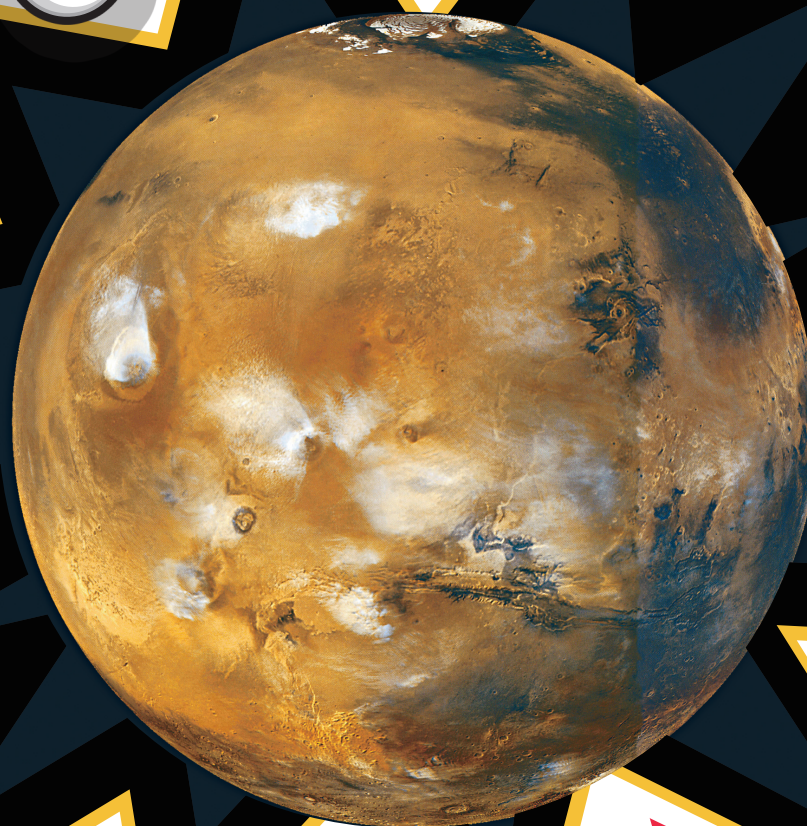


WEDNESDAY

1
April
2020

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**Time for a
laugh**



From now on,
Goodies will now
cost a hundred
thousand million
billion dollars per
issue!

Do you think
our readers
believed that?

K EEP an eye on your alarm clocks and your chairs; check your doors and windows; and be wary of any snacks you get. Today is April Fools' Day, and that means everyone is liable to be hit by a prank or joke! Find out when people began the tradition that has put that whoopee cushion on your chair, or chili peppers in your food!





A day for pranks

PONY said some silly things on the front page. It was a prank, which is a harmless trick played on someone for fun. You might see a few more pranks today because 1 April is April Fools' Day.

On April Fools' Day

MANY people, both adults and children, play silly pranks on others on 1 April, especially in the West. After a person is tricked, the **prankster** will yell 'April fools' to show why.

This day is not a **public holiday**, so children still have to go to school and adults to work. This means classmates might prank one another, and so might co-workers.



Joining in the fun

THE **tradition** spread as the West began to **expand** into the rest of the world. Today, some newspapers or websites publish a fake story, and then later reveal it is a trick.

Big companies have joined in the fun as well. For example, on one April Fools' Day, Google announced they were setting up an office on the Moon and posted a job **advertisement** asking people to work there.



Remember that pranks are about making people laugh. Do not injure them, or do something that will hurt their feelings.



Where did it come from?

HISTORIANS believe that 1 April became a day for pranks in Europe during the Middle Ages (中世紀). The first time this tradition was recorded was in 1508, when a French (法國的) poet talked about people celebrating this day with pranks.

The first time it was written about in Britain (不列顛) was in 1686, with John Aubrey calling it a "Fool's holy day".



John Aubrey



Which of the following is not a good prank?



A. Posting a false news story



B. Giving someone very sour sweets



C. Beating someone up

Answers on P12

prankster (n)
惡作劇者

public holiday (n phr)
公眾假期

historian (n)
歷史學家

Vocabulary

Challenge ★★★★★

tradition (n)
傳統

expand (v)
擴張

advertisement (n)
廣告