April 28

April 28 is the 118th day of the year (119th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 247 days remaining until the end of the year.

Events

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Up to 1950

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- 357 Emperor Constantius II enters Rome for the first time to celebrate his victory over Magnus Magnentius.
- 1192 -Assassination of Conrad of Montferrat, King of Jerusalem.
- 1220 The foundation stone is laid for Salisbury

2024 Calendar

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Salisbury, England.

- 1253 Nichiren Buddhism is founded.
- <u>1503</u> The <u>Battle of Cerignola</u> is fought. It is the first battle won by <u>small arms</u> using <u>gunpowder</u>.
- 1611 Founding of the <u>University of Santo Tomas</u> in the <u>Philippines</u>, the largest Roman Catholic university in the <u>world</u>.
- <u>1788</u> <u>Maryland</u> becomes the 7th <u>US</u> State.
- 1789 Mutiny on the Bounty by Fletcher Christian: Lieutenant William Bligh and 18 sailors are cast adrift in a boat, reaching the island of Tofua on the same day, while Christian sails to Tonga.
- <u>1792</u> The <u>French Revolutionary Wars</u> begin.
- 1796 The Armistice of Cherasco is signed by Napoleon Bonaparte and Victor Amadeus III of Sardinia, expanding French territory along the Mediterranean Sea coast.
- <u>1869</u> <u>Chinese</u> and <u>Irish laborers</u> for the Central Pacific Railroad working on the first trans<u>continental</u> railroad lay 10 <u>miles</u> of track in one day.
- 1877 The <u>Stamford Bridge stadium</u> in <u>London</u>, is opened, for use as an <u>athletics</u> stadium, though it later becomes the home ground of <u>Chelsea</u> FC:
- <u>1885</u> <u>Buddhism</u>: <u>Ceylon</u>'s first <u>Vesakh</u> celebration is held. The international <u>Buddhist flag</u> is hoisted for the first time.
- <u>1902</u> <u>Manchester United F.C.</u> comes into being, through a name change to avoid the bankruptcy of Newton Heath F.C.
- <u>1903</u> An <u>earthquake</u> in <u>Turkey</u> kills 2,200 people.
- 1908 World Esperanto Association is founded.
- 1910 Frenchman Louis Paulham wins the 1910 London to Manchester air race, the first long-distance aeroplane race in England.
- 1920 Azerbaijan is taken over by Soviet Russia.
- 1923 London's Wembley Stadium is opened.
- 1930 The first night game in baseball is held in Independence, Kansas.
- 1932 A vaccine for vellow fever is announced for use on humans.
- <u>1944</u> <u>World War II</u>: Nine German <u>bombers</u> attack <u>US</u> and <u>UK</u> units while they rehearsed for the <u>Normandy</u> landings. 946 people are killed.

- 1945 World War II: Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress Clara Petacci are executed.
- <u>1945</u> <u>World War II</u>: The <u>city</u> of <u>Augsburg</u> surrenders to <u>US</u> forces.
- 1947 Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki expedition of the <u>Pacific Ocean</u> begins in <u>Callao</u>, <u>Peru</u>. This is to prove his theory of <u>Polynesia</u> being settled from <u>South America</u>.
- <u>1948</u> <u>Igor Stravinsky</u> conducts the first performance of his American ballet, <u>Orpheus</u>, in <u>New York City</u>.
- <u>1949</u> Former First Lady of the <u>Philippines Aurora Quezon</u> is assassinated.
- 1950 Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej marries Queen Sirikit.

From 1951

- <u>1952</u> <u>Dwight D. Eisenhower</u> resigns as Supreme Allied Commander of <u>NATO</u>.
- 1952 US occupation of <u>Japan</u> officially ends.
- 1952 The Second Sino-Japanese War officially ends.
- <u>1965</u> <u>US</u> troops land in the <u>Dominican Republic</u> to "forestall the establishment of a <u>Communist dictatorship</u>" and to evacuate <u>US</u> troops.
- <u>1967</u> <u>Cassius Clay</u> (now <u>Muhammad Ali</u>) is stripped of his <u>boxing</u> titles, after saying that he would not join <u>United States Military</u> operations in <u>Vietnam</u>. The titles are later re-instated.
- 1969 Charles de Gaulle resigns as President of France.
- <u>1975</u> <u>South Vietnamese President Tran Van Huong</u> resigns after a week in office, and flees, as the <u>Vietnam War</u> is in its final stages.
- 1977 Red Army Faction members Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe are found guilty of murder.
- 1978 President of Afghanistan Mohammed Daoud Khan is overthrown and killed by pro-Communist rebels.
- 1986 United States Navy aircraft carrier USS Enterprise becomes the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to travel through the Suez Canal, from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea to relieve the USS Coral Sea
- 1986 The <u>Soviet Union</u> admits that there was a nuclear accident at <u>Chernobyl</u> on <u>April 26</u>, after <u>scientists</u> in <u>Finland</u> and <u>Sweden</u> detected unusually high levels of <u>radiation</u> in the <u>air</u>.
- 1988 Near Maui, Hawaii, flight attendant Clarabelle Lansing is blown out of Aloha Airlines Flight 243, a <u>Boeing 737</u>, and falls to her death, when part of the <u>plane</u>'s <u>fuselage</u> rips open in mid-flight.
- 1994 Former CIA counter-intelligence officer and analyst Adrian Ames pleads guilty to leaking US secrets to the Soviet Union and Russia.
- <u>1996</u> In <u>Tasmania</u>, <u>Australia</u>, <u>Martin Bryant</u> goes on a shooting spree, killing 35 people.
- 2001 Millionaire Dennis Tito becomes the first space tourist.
- 2002 The Green Party of Pakistan is formed.
- 2008 A train collision in Shandong, <u>China</u>, kills 72 people, and injures 416.
- 2008 Hong Kong Disneyland opens.

- 2010 Then-Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Gordon Brown apologises after being recorded referring to a 66-year-old voter as a "bigoted woman" during the General Election campaign.
- 2013 Enrico Letta becomes Prime Minister of Italy, after political deadlock following an inconclusive election two months earlier. At the same time, two police officers are injured in a shooting outside the Prime Minister's office.
- <u>2019</u> <u>Spain</u> holds an early general election: The Socialist Party of Prime Minister <u>Pedro Sánchez</u> is the largest party on 29%; the far-right Vox party enters parliament for the first time.

Births

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Up to 1900

- 32 Marcus Salvius Otho, Roman Emperor (d. 69)
- 1402 Nezahualcoyotl, ruler, philosopher and poet in Pre-Columbian Central America (d. 1472)
- 1442 Edward IV of England (d. 1483)
- 1545 Yi Sun-sin, Korean military leader and admiral (d. 1598)
- 1612 Odoardo Farnese, Duke of Parma (d. 1646)
- 1630 Charles Cotton, English poet (d. 1687)
- 1652 Magdalena Sibylla of Hesse-Darmstadt, German composer (d. 1712)
- <u>1686</u> <u>Michael Brokoff</u>, Czech <u>sculptor</u> (d. <u>1721</u>)
- 1715 Frank Sparry, Austrian composer (d. 1767)
- 1753 Frank Karl Achard, German naturalist (d. 1821)
- 1758 James Monroe, 5th President of the United States (d. 1831)
- 1761 Marie Harel, French cheesemaker (d. 1844)
- 1765 Sylvestre François Lacroix, French mathematician (d. 1834)
- 1774 Francis Baily, English astronomer (d. 1844)
- 1788 Charles Robert Cockerell, English architect and archaeologist (d. 1863)
- 1795 Charles Sturt, English explorer of Australia (d. 1861)
- <u>1819</u> <u>Ezra Abbot</u>, American scholar (d. <u>1884</u>)
- 1831 Peter Tait, Scottish physicist (d. 1901)
- 1838 Tobias Asser, Dutch jurist (d. 1913)
- <u>1842</u> <u>Prince Gaston, Count of Eu, Prince and Brazilian marshal</u> (d. 1922)
- 1848 Ludvig Schytte, Danish composer, pianist and teacher (d. 1909)
- 1868 Lucy Booth, Indian songwriter and commander (d. 1953)
- 1868 Georgy Voronoy, Russian mathematician (d. 1908)
- <u>1869</u> <u>C. C. Young</u>, 26th <u>Governor of California</u> (d. <u>1947</u>)
- 1874 Karl Kraus, Austrian journalist and writer (d. 1936)
- <u>1876</u> <u>Nicola Romeo</u>, Italian <u>automobile engineer</u> and <u>entrepreneur</u> (d. <u>1938</u>)
- <u>1878</u> <u>Lionel Barrymore</u>, American actor (d. <u>1954</u>)

- <u>1886</u> <u>Art Shaw</u>, American hurdler (d. <u>1955</u>)
- 1888 Walter Tull, English footballer (d. 1918)
- <u>1889</u> <u>Antonio Oliveira de Salazar</u>, Portuguese political leader (d. 1970)
- <u>1891</u> <u>Charles Patton</u>, American <u>blues</u> guitarist (d. <u>1934</u>)
- <u>1896</u> <u>Na Hye-sok</u>, Korean writer, painter, educator and journalist (d. <u>1948</u>)
- 1897 Ye Jianying, Chinese general and politician (d. 1986)
- 1898 Grantley Herbert Adams, Barbadian politician (d. 1971)
- 1900 Jan Oort, Dutch astronomer (d. 1992)

1901 - 1950

- 1901 Henry Stallard, Belgian middle-distance runner (d. 1973)
- 1902 Johan Borgen, Norwegian writer (d. 1979)
- 1906 Kurt Gödel, Austrian mathematician (d. 1978)
- 1906 Paul Sacher, Swiss conductor (d. 1999)
- <u>1908</u> <u>Oskar Schindler</u>, German industrialist and humanitarian (d. 1974)
- 1912 Odette Sansom Hallowes, French resistance worker (d. 1945)
- <u>1916</u> <u>Ferruccio Lamborghini</u>, Italian automobile manufacturer (d. <u>1993</u>)
- 1919 Wally Stanowski, Canadian ice hockey player (d. 2015)
- 1921 Simin Daneshvar, Iranian writer and academic (d. 2012)
- 1923 William Guarnere, American sergeant (d. 2014)
- 1924 Dick Ayers, American comic book artist and cartoonist (d. 2014)
- 1924 Donatas Banionis, Lithuanian actor (d. 2014)
- 1924 Kenneth Kaunda, 1st President of Zambia
- 1924 Blossom Dearie, American jazz singer and pianist (d. 2009)
- 1926 Harper Lee, American writer and activist (d. 2016)
- 1928 Eugene Shoemaker, American astronomer (d. 1997)
- <u>1928</u> <u>Yves Klein</u>, French artist (d. <u>1962</u>)
- 1930 James Baker, 61st United States Secretary of State
- 1930 Carolyn Iones, American actress (d. 1983)
- 1933 Miodrag Radulovacki, Serbian-American scientist and inventor (d. 2014)
- 1934 Lois Duncan, American actress (d. 2016)
- 1934 Diane Johnson, American writer
- 1936 Tariq Aziz, Iraqi politician (d. 2015)
- 1937 Jean Redpath, Scottish singer (d. 2014)
- 1937 John White, Scottish footballer (d. 1964)
- 1937 Saddam Hussein, President of Irag (d. 2006)
- <u>1938</u> <u>Fred Dibnah</u>, English <u>steeplejack</u> and television personality (d. 2004)
- 1941 John Madeiski, English businessman
- 1941 Ann-Margret, Swedish actress
- 1941 Karl Barry Sharpless, American chemist
- 1941 Iryna Zhylenko, Ukrainian poet
- 1942 Mike Brearley, English cricketer

- 1943 Jacques Dutronc, French singer, songwriter, guitarist, composer and actor
- 1943 Bob Siebert, American jazz musician and composer
- 1943 Yoav Talmi, Israeli conductor and composer
- 1943 <u>Jeffrey Tate</u>, English musical director and conductor
- 1944 Günter Verheugen, German politician
- <u>1944</u> <u>Jean-Claude Van Cauwenberge</u>, Belgian politician in <u>Wallonia</u>
- 1946 Nour El-Sherif, Egyptian actor (d. 2015)
- 1947 Nicola LeFanu, English composer and academic
- 1948 Terry Pratchett, English writer (d. 2015)
- <u>1948</u> <u>Marcia Strassman</u>, American actress (d. <u>2014</u>)
- 1949 Paul Guilfovle, American actor
- <u>1949</u> <u>Bruno Kirby</u>, American actor (d. <u>2006</u>)
- <u>1950</u> <u>Jay Leno</u>, American comedian and showmaster
- 1950 Steve Rider, English sports broadcaster

1951 - 1975

- 1952 Chuck Leavell, American keyboardist
- <u>1952</u> <u>Mary McDonnell</u>, American actress
- <u>1953</u> <u>Kim Gordon</u>, American singer
- 1954 <u>Jimmy Barnes</u>, Australian singer
- 1954 Tom McCabe, Scottish politician (d. 2015)
- 1954 Mary Jo Randle, English actress
- 1958 Kenny MacAskill, Scottish politician
- 1959 Erhard Loretan, Swiss mountaineer (d. 2011)
- 1960 Ian Rankin, Scottish crime fiction writer
- 1960 Elena Kagan, United States Supreme Court Justice
- 1960 Walter Zenga, Italian footballer
- 1960 Jón Páll Sigmarsson, Icelandic strength athlete (d. 1993)
- 1961 Anna Oxa, Italian singer
- 1964 L'Wren Scott, American fashion designer and model (d. 2014)
- 1964 Stephen Ames, Canadian golfer
- 1966 Ali-Reza Pahlavi, Iranian royal (d. 2011)
- 1966 John Daly, American golfer
- 1966 Too Short, American rapper, producer and actor
- 1968 Howard Donald, English singer, musician and producer (Take That)
- 1968 Andy Flower, Zimbabwean cricketer
- <u>1970</u> <u>Diego Simeone</u>, Argentine footballer
- 1971 Bridget Moynahan, American actress
- 1972 Anita Anand, English television and radio journalist
- 1972 Joseph Bruce, American actor, rapper, producer and wrestler
- 1973 Pauleta, Portuguese footballer
- 1973 Ian Murdock, American software engineer (d. 2015)
- 1973 Jorge Garcia, American actor
- <u>1974</u> <u>Penélope Cruz</u>, <u>Spanish actress</u>
- 1974 Vernon Kay, British radio and television presenter
- 1974 Margo Dydek, Polish basketball player (d. 2011)

From 1976

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- 1977 Thorstein Helstad, Norwegian footballer
- 1978 Lauren Laverne, British radio and television presenter
- 1980 Josh Howard, American basketball player
- 1980 Bradley Wiggins, British cyclist
- 1981 <u>Iessica Alba</u>, American actress
- 1981 Pietro Travagli, Italian rugby player
- 1981 Ilary Blasi, Italian actress and model
- 1981 Alex Riley, American wrestler
- 1982 Nikki Grahame, English television personality
- 1982 Harry Shum, Jr., Costa Rican actor and dancer
- 1983 Roger Johnson, English footballer
- 1984 Dmitri Torbinski, Russian footballer
- 1985 Lukas Jakubczyk, German sprinter and long jumper
- 1985 Louise Pentland, English vlogger, blogger, YouTuber and writer
- 1986 Roman Polak, Czech ice hockey player
- 1986 Jennifer Palm Lundberg, Swedish model
- 1986 Jenna Ushkowitz, Korean-American actress
- 1987 Zoran Tosic, Serbian footballer
- 1987 Daequan Cook, American basketball player
- 1988 Juan Mata, Spanish footballer
- 1988 Spencer Hawes, American basketball player
- 1989 Kim Sung-kyu, South Korean singer and actress
- 1991 Jordan Robinson, English footballer
- 1994 Izzy Bizu, English singer
- 1995 Melanie Martinez, American singer and songwriter

Deaths

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Up to 1900

- <u>1074</u> <u>Sweyn II of Denmark</u> (b. <u>1019</u>)
- 1192 Conrad of Montferrat, King of Jerusalem
- 1489 Henry Percy, 4th Earl of Northumberland, English politician
- 1530 Niklaus Manuel Deutsch I, Swiss polymath (b. 1484)
- 1695 Henry Vaughan, Welsh poet (b. 1621)
- 1716 Louis de Montfort, French priest and saint (b. 1673)
- <u>1721</u> <u>Mary Reid</u>, English pirate (b. <u>1685</u>)
- 1741 Magnus Julius De la Gardie, Swedish general and statesman (b. 1668)
- 1772 Johann Christian Struensee, physician (b. 1737)
- 1781 Cornelius Harnett, American delegate to the Continental Congress (b. 1723)
- 1799 Matthew Griswold, Governor of Connecticut (b. 1714)

- 1802 Richard Howell, Governor of New Jersey (b. 1754)
- 1813 Mikhail Illarionovich Kutuzov, Russian field marshal (b. 1745)
- 1851 Edward Codrington, English admiral (b. 1770)
- 1853 Ludwig Tieck, German writer (b. 1773)
- <u>1865</u> <u>Samuel Cunard</u>, Canadian-British shipping magnate (b. <u>1787</u>)
- <u>1881</u> <u>Antoine Samuel Adam-Salomon</u>, French <u>sculptor</u> and <u>photographer</u> (b. <u>1818</u>)
- 1883 Jack Russell, English parson, hunter and dog breeder (b. 1795)
- 1885 Conrad Baker, Governor of Indiana (b. 1817)

1901 - 2000

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- <u>1905</u> <u>Fitzhugh Lee</u>, American <u>politician</u>, 40th <u>Governor</u> of <u>Virginia</u> (b. <u>1835</u>)
- 1909 Frederick Holbrook, Governor of Vermont (b. 1813)
- 1918 Gavrilo Princip, Bosnian-Serb assassin (b. 1894)
- 1934 Charley Patton, American blues musician (b. 1891)
- 1936 King Fuad I of Egypt (b. 1868)
- <u>1944</u> <u>Frank Knox</u>, American politician (b. <u>1874</u>)
- 1945 Benito Mussolini, Italian Fascist dictator (b. 1883)
- 1945 Clara Petacci, Italian mistress to Benito Mussolini (b. 1912)
- 1946 Louis Bachelier, French mathematician (b. 1875)
- 1949 Aurora Ouezon, First Lady of the Philippines (b. 1888)
- 1954 Leon Jouhaux, French Labor leader (b. 1879)
- 1964 Milton Margai, 1st Prime Minister of Sierra Leone (b. 1895)
- <u>1970</u> <u>Ed Begley</u>, American actor (b. <u>1901</u>)
- 1973 Jacques Maritain, French philosopher (b. 1882)
- 1973 Clas Thunberg, Finnish speed skater (b. 1893)
- 1976 Richard Hughes, American writer (b. 1900)
- 1977 Sepp Herberger, German footballer and coach (b. 1897)
- 1978 Mohammed Daoud Khan, President of Afghanistan (b. 1909)
- 1981 Steve Currie, American musician (b. 1947)
- 1992 Francis Bacon, Irish painter (b. 1909)
- 1992 Iceberg Slim, American writer (b. 1918)
- 1993 Jim Valvano, American <u>basketball</u> player, coach and broadcaster (b. 1946)
- 1998 Jerome Bixby, American writer and screenwriter (b. 1923)
- 1999 Arthur Leonard Schawlow, American physicist (b. 1921)
- 2000 Penelope Fitzgerald, English writer (b. 1916)
- 2000 Jerzy Einhorn, Polish-Swedish physician, researcher and politician (b. 1925)

From 2001

- <u>2002</u> <u>Alexander Lebed</u>, Russian general and politician (b. <u>1950</u>)
- 2005 Chris Candido, American professional wrestler (b. 1972)
- 2007 Dabbs Greer, American actor (b. 1917)

- 2007 Carl Friedrich von Weizsaecker, German physicist and philosopher (b. 1912)
- 2009 Ekaterina Maximova, Russian ballerina (b. 1939)
- 2011 Erhard Loretan, Swiss mountaineer (b. 1959)
- 2012 Matilde Camus, Spanish poet and writer (b. 1919)
- 2013 Janos Starker, Hungarian-American cellist (b. 1924)
- <u>2014</u> <u>Ryan Tandy</u>, Australian <u>rugby league</u> player (b. <u>1981</u>)
- 2014 Jack Ramsay, American basketball coach (b. 1925)
- 2014 Edgar Laprade, Canadian ice hockey player (b. 1919)
- 2014 Dennis Kamakahi, American musician (b. 1953)
- 2014 Idris Sardi, Indonesian violinist and composer (b. 1938)
- 2015 Ashura Hara, Japanese professional wrestler (b. 1947)
- 2015 Keith Harris, English ventriloguist (b. 1947)
- 2015 Xu Guangxian, Chinese chemist (b. 1920)
- 2015 Deng Minghe, Chinese actor (b. 2006)
- 2015 Michael J. Ingelido, American air force general (b. 1916)
- 2015 René Féret, French actor and director (b. 1945)
- 2015 Duri Camichel, Swiss ice hockey player (b. 1982)
- 2015 <u>Iack Ely</u>, American singer (b. 1943)
- 2016 Georg Kronawitter, German politician (b. 1928)
- 2016 Edward Ashmore, British naval officer (b. 1919)
- 2016 Conrad Burns, American politician (b. 1934)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Jenny Diski</u>, English writer (b. <u>1947</u>)
- 2016 Igor Fesunenko, Russian journalist (b. 1933)
- 2016 René Hausman, Belgian writer and artist (b. 1936)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Barry Howard</u>, English actor (b. <u>1937</u>)
- 2016 Ingram Olkin, American professor of statistics (b. 1924)
- 2017 Vito Acconci, American artist and architectural designer (b. 1940)
- 2017 Brazo de Oro, Mexican professional wrestler (b. 1959)
- 2017 <u>Janelle Kirtley</u>, American water skier (b. 1943)
- 2017 John Shifflett, American jazz musician (b. 1953)
- 2017 Chad Young, American cyclist (b. 1995)
- 2018 James H. Cone, American theologian (b. 1936)
- 2018 Alfie Evans, British child in parental rights case (b. 2016)
- <u>2018</u> <u>Larry Harvey</u>, American artist, philanthropist and activist (b. <u>1948</u>)
- 2018 Art Paul, American graphic designer (b. 1925)
- 2018 Agildo Ribeiro, Brazilian actor (b. 1932)
- 2018 Art Shay, American photographer (b. 1922)
- 2018 Karl Toft, Canadian sex offender (b. 1936)
- 2018 Eric Koch, German-Canadian writer, broadcaster and academic (b. 1919)
- 2019 Sylvia Bretschneider, German politician (b. 1960)
- <u>2019</u> <u>Wayson Choy</u>, Canadian writer (b. <u>1939</u>)
- <u>2019</u> <u>Damon Keith</u>, American judge (b. <u>1922</u>)
- 2019 Jo Sullivan Loesser, American actress (b. 1927)
- <u>2019</u> <u>Richard Lugar</u>, American politician, <u>United States Senator</u> for <u>Indiana</u> (b. <u>1932</u>)
- 2019 Karol Modzelewski, Polish historian, writer, politician and academic (b. 1937)

• 2019 - Menachem Mandel Taub, Israeli concentration camp survivor (b. 1923)

Observances

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- Workers Memorial Day
- World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- National Heroes Day (Barbados)
- National Day (Sardinia)

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