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Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.
~ Edward Everett

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Web Sites

Find A Rainbow Day
3rd Apr each year

Perhaps one of the more interesting and yet lesser-known holidays is an event that is known as Find a Rainbow Day. As you may have already guessed, this celebration occurs during the month of April each year (after all, the early spring is known for its fair share of these beautifully stunning phenomena).

Of course, finding a rainbow is not as easy as it sounds and if you are lucky enough to find yourself outside just after a rainstorm in early April, you may just be able to catch a quick glimpse and even take a snapshot of one of these wonderful natural events.

While the exact origins of this day remain rather obscure, there are many who enjoy cooking colorful foods on this day; treats such as jello and cookies being some of the most common items. So, it appears that there are indeed times when a bit of rain is not necessarily a bad thing!

The Why Files: Make a Rainbow
Make a rainbow by changing angles and placement of the observer, the sun, and the rain.
http://whyfiles.org/2013/make-rainbows-2/

Weather Dude: Rainbows
Informational site allows users to discover what makes a rainbow. Discover how they form and learn some interesting facts about them along the way.
http://www.wxdude.com/singalongcompanion/rainbows/index.html

Learning Games For Kids: They Might Be Giants– Roy G Biv
Learn about rainbows and refracted white light by listening to this fun science song. [2 min, 40 sec]
http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/science-games/science-songs/roy_g_biv.html

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Hardware/Software

HOW TO EJECT A REMOVABLE VOLUME FROM YOUR MACBOOK
Mac OS X makes use of both static volumes (your MacBook's hard drive, which remains mummified inside your computer's case) and removable volumes (such as USB Flash drives, external hard disks, your iPod, and CDs/DVD-ROMs). Mac OS X calls the process of loading and unloading a removable volume by old-fashioned terms — mounting and unmounting — but you probably call the procedure loading and ejecting.

Static and removable volumes have nothing to do with the sound volume control on your menu bar.

The process of loading/mounting a removable volume differs depending on the computer because some MacBooks need a button pushed on the keyboard, others have buttons on the drive itself, and some drives have just a slot, with no button at all. However, there are a number of standard ways of unloading/unmounting/ejecting a removable volume:

- Drag the Volume's icon from the Desktop to the Trash, which displays an Eject pop-up label to help underline the fact that you are not deleting the contents of the drive. Switchers from the Windows world are usually scared to death by the concept of dragging a volume to the Trash.
- In the Apple universe, you can drag removable volumes to the Trash with aplomb.
- Click the volume's icon and use the Command+E keyboard shortcut.
- With the volume open in a Finder window, click the Action button and choose Eject from the pop-up menu.
- Click the File menu and choose Eject.
- Click the Eject button next to the device in the Finder window sidebar.
- Right-click the Volume's icon to display the contextual menu; then choose Eject.
- Press your MacBook's keyboard Eject key to eject a CD or DVD from your built-in optical drive. (If you're using an external keyboard without a Media Eject key, you may be able to press and hold F12 instead.)

You can't unmount a static volume from the Desktop — you have to use the Disk Utility application — so your internal hard drive icon will stay where it is.
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Hints/Tips

DISPLAY THE FACTS ON FILES AND FOLDERS ON YOUR MACBOOK
The Finder's Info dialog is the place on your MacBook to view the specifics on

any highlighted item (including drives and aliases).
Select an item and press *Command+I*, click the Action toolbar button and then select Get Info from the menu, right-click and choose Get Info, or choose the Finder's File menu and then choose Get Info.

Mac OS X displays the General information panel when you first open the Info dialog, but other panels are usually available (depending on the type of selected items). For most types of files and folders, the Info dialog can tell you

- **Kind:** What type of item it is — for example, whether it's a file, folder, drive, or alias
- **Open with:** What program launches automatically when you open the selected item
- **Size:** The total size of the item (or items, if there are more than ten) that you select
- **Where:** The actual path on your hard drive where the item is located
- **Dates:** The date when the item was created and was last modified
- **Version:** The application version number
- **Name & Extension:** The file's name and extension
- **Sharing & Permissions:** The privileges that control who can do what to the file and whether a file is locked in read-only mode

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Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 - What do you call a grocery clerk in Peking?
2 - What do you call a man who's always wiring for money?
3 - How can tell if a motorcyclist is happy?

1 - A Chinese checker.
2 – An electrician.
3 - By the number of bugs in his teeth.

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This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 4:
1792 Thaddeus Stevens US Radical Republican congressional leader (Representative-R)
1802 Dorothea Dix US, aroused interest in treatment of mental inmates
1881 Charles Funk Ohio, Encylopediest (Funk & Wagnalls)
1884 Isoroku Yamamoto Admiral/supreme commander of Japanese fleet
1888 Tris Speaker baseball great, hit more doubles than Pete Rose
1895 Arthur Murray New York NY, dancer (Arthur Murray Dance Party)
1906 John Cameron Swayze Wichita KS, newscaster (Timex, Hindenberg)
1924 Gil Hodges baseball player/manager (Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Mets)

1924 Eva Marie Saint Newark NJ, actress (Sandpiper, Loving, Exodus)
1928 Maya Angelou [Marguerite Johnson] St Louis MO, poet (I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings)/actress (Nyo-Roots)
1946 Craig T Nelson Spokane WA, actor (Chief Jack Mannion-The District, Hayden Fox-Coach, Poltergeist)
1948 Luke Halpin Astoria NY, actor (Sandy Ricks-Flipper)
1948 Berry Oakley Chicago IL, rocker (Allman Brothers-Ramblin' Man)
1948 Gail Davies Broken Bow OK, country singer (Blue Heartache)
1950 Christine Lahti Detroit MI, actress (Dr Kathryn Austin-Chicago Hope, Harvey Korman Show, Swing Shift)
1951 Steve Gatlin Olney TX, country singer (Gatlin Brothers-Broken Lady)
1952 Gary Moore Irish rock guitarist ("Still Got the Blues", Thin Lizzy, Skid Row)
1964 Robbie Rist California, actor (Oliver-Brady Bunch)
1965 Robert Downey Jr New York NY, comedian/actor (Larry Paul-Ally McBeal, Saturday Night Live, Less than Zero, Back to School)
1966 Nancy McKeon Westbury NY, actress (Jo Polniazek-Facts of Life)

On This Day:
1818 Congress decided US flag is 13 red & white stripes & 20 stars
1850 City of Los Angeles incorporated
1862 Battle of Yorktown begins
1865 Lee's army arrives at Amelia Courthouse
1870 Golden Gate Park established by City Order #800
1896 Announcement of Gold in the Yukon
1911 Hugh Chalmers, automaker, suggests idea of baseball MVP
1916 US Senate agrees (82-6) to participate in WWI
1932 Vitamin C 1st isolated, C C King, University of Pittsburgh
1945 Hungary liberated from Nazi occupation (National Liberation Day)
1945 US forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany
1948 84-year-old Connie Mack challenges 78-year-old Clark Griffith to a race from home to 1st base; it ends in a tie
1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) treaty signed (Washington DC)
1969 Dr Denton Cooley implants 1st temporary artificial heart
1974 Hank Aaron ties Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th beat Oklahoma 83-79
1988 Last broadcast of "Crossroads" on British TV
1988 New York Mets set Opening Day record with 6 homeruns
1989 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's last NBA game in Seattle
1989 New York Yankee Tommy John ties record of playing 26 seasons, his 287th win puts him 19th overall as Yankees beat Twins on opening day 4-2
1992 Jury deliberations begin in the Noriega case
1994 Largest Opening Day crowd at Yankee Stadium, 56,706
1994 Netscape Communications founded as Mosaic Communications

1997 Anaheim Ducks clinch their 1st-ever playoff berth
1997 Braves officially open Turner Field against Cubs
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