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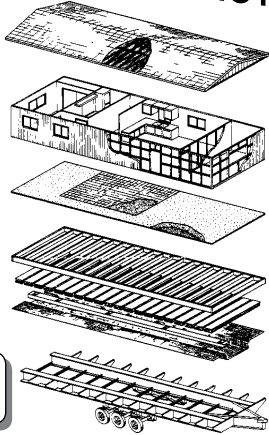
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5	Linda Davis	145	18	Michele Francis	232
	Tracy Whyte	022	19	Raymond Wilson	270
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	Rick Collins	002		Bruce Cook	254
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10	Terri Hall	181	28	Carlos DeCampos	201
11	Eva Skinner	066	30	Ana Duran	031
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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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11	Cliff & Doreen Haseltine	103
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Women’s Club News

Boy was March a busy month here at Golden Gate, wasn’t it! We started off the month with our final Ice Cream Social of the season.... we had a great turn out and it seems that the brownies are a hit! We also had a special lemon poundcake offering that all of us that tried really enjoyed....thanks Fran for providing that treat.



Camel Races, which was our fundraiser event this year provided another opportunity to spend time with our Golden Gate friends and neighbors while supporting the Women’s Club in our mission to give back to not only our Golden Gate community but the greater Pinellas Park community as well. We shared a wonderful afternoon at the races and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Gary Toolan and Debby Johnson.

The Club’s final meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday April 16 both at 6:30 pm.....mark your calendars and try to attend....we’d love to see you!

HORSESHOE CLUB

Hello fellow residents. Horseshoes is alive and well here at Golden Gate. Many residents and their guests love to gather every Friday at 1:30 pm for a few games of horseshoes. Come and join the fun! Who knows, you might be the next champion of the world!! Maybe even get your name on the trophy 🏆



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Hey Golden Gaters

The Nuggets Club's (the fun club in the park) season is about to come to an end. April is like the last drop of good coffee and the last piece of candy in the dish. Soooooooooo don't miss anything, ok??

Don't tell anyone--- No Do tell everyone!!

Last dance of this season will be held on April 9, 2025 from 7pm-10pm. This is our "Farewell Luau Dance"!!! Entertainment for the night will be Britney Mone'. We don't have hosts for this dance yet, and if you think you might like to teach us all the hula while having loads of fun and laughs please contact me, Anne Jones, 727-422-9157, or Cindy Winters.

For the dance you will need to bring any snacks you want for your table and of course your drink of choice, along with glass and ice. You know, Luau makes me think of coconuts and grass skirts, pineapples, and cherries (I don't know why) and of course pig roasts and dancing!! Come and play with your neighbors and friends at the clubhouse for the evening! A little birdie told me the best looking lady in the park is coming in coconuts and a grass skirt, and the best looking gentleman in the park is wearing NOTHING but a grass skirt !!! Keep that little secret under your skirt, ok??

Our last meeting is April 15, 2025, at 6:30 pm and we would like to see each and everyone's face!!! No, don't send a picture, please bring your body too !!!

The Nuggets are always looking for volunteers and big smiles, so, if you would like to be a part of the party Club, join us on April 15th @ 6:30pm in the clubhouse.

Our northern friends (who seem like family) will soon be headed home for the summer. Golden Gate will wind down and and get a much needed rest from all the activities, parties, and goings on we've had starting last Sept. We will feel much like when your child leaves for school the first day..... Excited to see them go and then can't wait for them to get back.

Golden Gate is pretty laid back in the Summer months, so please, snowbirds, don't forget to come back and wake us up. We will welcome you all for sure and be ready to start the party again !!!!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nuggets Club
Anne Jones

RHYME AND REASON

BY DONNA OLANDER

WELCOMED

She saw me and her face blossomed.
Her whole countenance blossomed behind that radiantly beautiful smile.
Her eyes crinkled and her dimples shone brightly.
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can be found on the page before your calendar**



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(Cancellation notifications by Club Representative)

SHUFFLE BOARD

Blue Sky Fridays @ 10:30 am

NOVA Thursdays @ 10:00 am

Seminole Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

FUN DOUBLES

THURSDAYS @ 10 A.M.

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HORSE COLLAR

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Margaret Broadwell

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- ½ tsp. dry mustard
- ¼ tsp. salt



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JUST A THOUGHT...

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SHUFFLE CLUB

Blue Sky League Champs:

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Shuffleboard League competitions are over for the season. BLUE SKY came in first, as did SEMINOLE in their league with Captain Bill Fornier. The NOVA team came in third. In addition, Golden Gate proudly hosted tournaments for all three leagues in March.

With team competitions complete, we have resumed Tuesday HORSECOLLAR and regular shuffle on Thursdays plus Saturday horescollar - ALL at 10 am until further notice. Come on out and join the FUN. Keep in mind the 50/50 draws each week and thanks for the support.

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APRIL 20, 2025
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This will be a Ham Dinner. Request sides, salads and desserts (for 8-10 people) from attendees. Dinner, desert plates and napkins will be supplied. Request that you bring your utensils and beverage. There will be a surprise so will require an accurate head count. Family, friends, and children are all invited. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by mid March.

If you have any questions, please contact Don and Mariann at 727-579-9089.
Thank you and hope to see everyone there.

Theater Club

Hello Golden Gaters! It's hard to believe that winter is over, and spring is here. As we are already into April, that means a lot of us are thinking about traveling to our northern homes. Please drive safely and be aware of your surroundings. Have a great summer and we look forward to your return in the fall.



The Theatre Club Spring Show, "Golden Gate'd STILL Got Talent", was a big hit! We had so much fun putting the show together and look forward to planning our next event. From the compliments we received, it is obvious that you all had a great time as well. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to wish all our family, friends, and neighbors a Happy Easter!

Be safe! See you soon!



Did You Know?

April Fools' Day was started in France in the 1500s?

The famous quote, "Houston, we've had a problem!" occurred on April 11, 1970?

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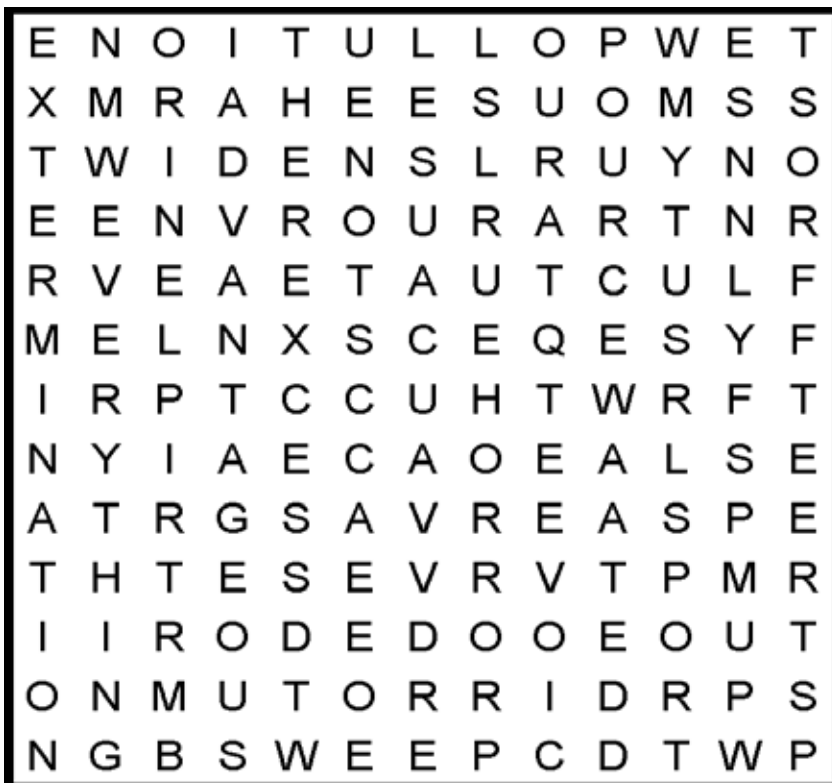
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Charles Handy tells this story about his friend Richard in *Waiting for the mountain to move: Reflections on work and life*.

Richard was made head of a decent-sized business. “One of the first things I did,” he told Handy, “was to gather all the work force together. I told them that I was not going to stand for second-class work going out; we had to produce quality, to be the best. I expected grumbles, but instead they almost started to cheer.”

Richard reported the employees said: “You can’t imagine how ashamed we have been in the past of some of the stuff we have sent out these doors, but we were always told that we could not afford to do it better.”

“I’m telling you,” Richard said to the employees, “that we can’t afford not to do it better.”

The employees then told Richard that they needed some new equipment to do the job better, to which Richard replied, “Point taken. But it will take time. Give me some time.”

The moral: *Doing your best and giving things time can solve some of even the most difficult problems.*

A shave with death



Once, while actor John Barrymore was traveling in the Riviera, he realized he had undertaken the trip without his razor in his bag. Barrymore realized it was Sunday and the barbershops in town would be closed; he had a date to meet with the belle of the neighborhood and consulted frantically with the hotel manager in an attempt to find some way to rid himself of his two-days’ growth of beard.

“Can’t you find somebody in this town who will give me a shave?” he demanded.

Eventually the hotel manager produced a solemn-faced man. “I must ask you to lie flat on your back,” he said.

Barrymore figured it was a custom of the country to lie on your back while being shaved and he complied. The barber’s touch was so light that Barrymore even dozed while the work was being done. As he was paying, Barrymore remarked, “I can’t understand why you made me lie on my back.”

“Pure habit, sir,” the man replied. “This is the first time I ever shaved a live man.” — As retold from *Laughter Incorporated*, by Cerf Bennett

On breakfast

I went to a restaurant that serves “breakfast at any time.” So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

— *Steven Wright*

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April Fools’ pranks that have gained attention:

Giant Strawberry Prank
A video featuring a dog named Maymo battling a giant strawberry costume went viral. The adorable and hilarious reactions of the dog made it a hit on social media.



Hilarious Dogs vs. Giant Cheetos Bag
Another popular prank involved dogs reacting to a giant Cheetos bag. The playful and confused reactions of the dogs provided plenty of laughs.

Best Pranks of the Week
America’s Funniest Home Videos compiled a series of the best pranks of the week, featuring jump scares, practical jokes, and laugh-out-loud moments. This compilation has been widely viewed and enjoyed.

Just For Laughs Gags
The Just For Laughs Gags channel released a compilation of pranks that went hilariously too far. These pranks, captured with hidden cameras, showcased some of the best reactions and funniest moments.

These pranks highlight the creativity and humor that people continue to bring to April Fools’ Day and beyond.

Source:
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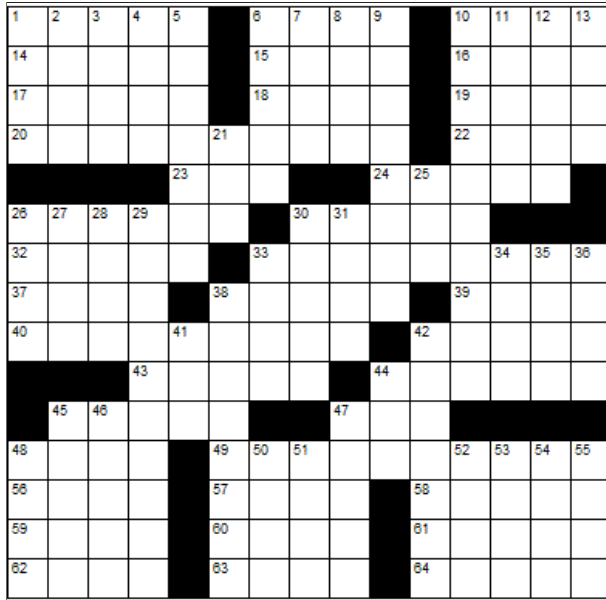
On delusion
She probably labored under the common delusion that you made things better by talking about them.
— **Rose Macauley**

On being a hero
This thing of being a hero, about the main thing to do, is to know when to die. Prolonged life has ruined more men than it ever made.
— **Will Rogers**



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1. A picture-in-picture
6. Scottish lake
10. Birdbrain
14. Capture
15. African sheep
16. Holly
17. Elicit
18. Waist strap
19. Vitality
20. Ancient tiger
22. Smooth or level
23. Blemish
24. Go inside
26. Lug-nut protector
30. Fortuneteller's card
32. Enlist
33. Lowest female voice
37. In place of
38. Formerly it was a planet
39. Neophyte, in modern slang
40. Heavy rains
42. Useful



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| 1. Frosts, as a cake | 21. Faucet | 41. Greek god of flocks |
| 2. Nil | 25. Neither ____ | 42. Upward air current |
| 3. Ticket part you keep | 26. Grasped | 44. Flowery verse |
| 4. Behold, in old Rome | 27. Freshwater mussel | 45. Goat antelope |
| 5. Relating to heat | 28. Beer | 46. Cognizant |
| 6. Work hard | 29. A member of a council | 47. Express a thought |
| 7. Black-and-white cookie | 30. Guided visits | 48. Speck |
| 8. Religious spinter group | 31. Picnic insects | 50. River in Spain |
| 9. Until now | 33. Hint | 51. Brace |
| 10. Amateurish | 34. A certain cut of meat | 52. Sticking point |
| 11. Martini garnish | 35. Fee | 53. Look at flirtatiously |
| 12. Postpone | 36. Follow orders | 54. Diversion |
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April Facts:

Historical and Cultural Facts

- **Name Origin:** The name “April” is derived from the Latin word “aperire,” which means “to open,” likely referring to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees.
- **Roman Calendar:** In the ancient Roman calendar, April was the second month of the year. It became the fourth month when January and February were added to the calendar.



Weather and Nature

- **Springtime:** In the Northern Hemisphere, April is typically associated with spring, bringing warmer weather, blooming flowers, and longer days.
- **April Showers:** The phrase “April showers bring May flowers” highlights the rainy weather often experienced in April, which helps nourish the growth of plants and flowers.

Fun and Quirky Facts

- **Diamond Birthstone:** The birthstone for April is the diamond, symbolizing clarity, strength, and eternal love.
- **Zodiac Signs:** April is associated with two zodiac signs: Aries (March 21 - April 19) and Taurus (April 20 - May 20).

Famous Birthdays

- **Leonardo da Vinci:** The renowned artist and inventor was born on April 15, 1452.
- **William Shakespeare:** The legendary playwright is believed to have been born on April 23, 1564, and he also died on the same date in 1616.

Historical Events

- **Titanic Sinks (April 15, 1912):** The RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg during its maiden voyage, resulting in the loss of over 1,500 lives.
- **Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (April 4, 1968):** Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- **Founding of Microsoft (April 4, 1975):** Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft, which would become one of the world’s leading technology companies.
- **First Modern Olympic Games (April 6, 1896):** The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece, reviving the ancient tradition.

Source:

<https://www.history.co.uk/articles/major-historical-anniversaries-in-april>

On good sense

Good Sense is a Thing all need, few have, and none think they lack.

—Benjamin Franklin



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Autism Awareness Month



Autism Awareness Month is observed every April to promote understanding, acceptance, and support for individuals on the autism spectrum. Here are some key aspects:

History and Significance

- **Origins:** Autism Awareness Month was first established in April 1970 to raise awareness about autism and its impact on individuals and families.
- **Evolution:** Over the years, the focus has shifted from mere awareness to active acceptance and advocacy, emphasizing the importance of creating an inclusive society.

Key Activities and Campaigns

- **Light It Up Blue:** Initiated by Autism Speaks in 2004, this campaign encourages people to wear blue and light up buildings in blue to show support.
- **Community Events:** Many organizations host events such as walks, fundraisers, and educational workshops to promote understanding and support for autism.

Goals and Impact

- **Promoting Acceptance:** The month aims to dispel myths and misconceptions about autism, highlighting the strengths and contributions of autistic individuals.
- **Advocacy:** It encourages advocacy for policies and practices that support the needs of autistic individuals and their families.

How to Get Involved

- **Participate in Events:** Join local or virtual events to show your support.
- **Educate Yourself and Others:** Learn more about autism and share accurate information to help dispel myths.
- **Support Autism-Friendly Businesses:** Patronize businesses that employ or support autistic individuals.

Source:

<https://asd.media/what-is-autism-awareness-month-understanding-its-importance-and-impact/>

<https://asd.media/what-is-autism-awareness-month-a-comprehensive-guide/>

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On possibilities

When you dance, the whole world dances.

— Jalaluddin Rumi

On self-imposed limitations

It is the theory which decides what can be observed.

— Albert Einstein



April Major Holidays

April Fools' Day (April 1): A day for pranks and jokes.
Easter: Celebrated on different dates each year, often in April.

Passover: A significant Jewish holiday that often falls in April.

Ramadan: A holy month of fasting for Muslims, which sometimes includes April.



Daily Observances

April 2: World Autism Awareness Day

April 7: National Beer Day

April 15: Jackie Robinson Day

April 22: Earth Day

Weekly Observances

National Library Week: Celebrated in the second full week of April.

National Volunteer Week: Also typically in the second full week of April.

Monthly Observances

Autism Awareness Month

National Poetry Month

Stress Awareness Month

There are also many fun and quirky daily holidays, such as National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day (April 2), National Sourdough Bread Day (April 1), and National Hug a Newsperson Day (April 4)

Source:

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On nature

All things share the same breath — the beast, the tree, the human ...

What are people without the beasts?

If all the beasts were gone, people would die from a great loneliness of spirit.

— Chief Seattle

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