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FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 19, 2016 there were 8 shareholders present. Our financial report for the month of April 2016 indicates that income for the month was \$33757 with expenditures of \$29151. The financial statement for each month is posted on the bulletin board at the rear of the hall for everyone to review. The Board voted to install a new alarm buzzer and surge protector for the lift station.

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FROM THE OFFICE

Well I know some “snow-birds” will be starting to plan for their journey back north. Here are a few reminders for your attention:

- Please remember to sign out in the office. Your signature is needed to stop the Water/Sewer/Trash Bill. Per the Golden Gate Rules & Regulations: (#16 Home sites): Shareholders will be exempt from billing for City utilities for any month which the home is occupied less than 7 days providing the sign out procedure with the office has been properly completed. There is a city charge of \$25 to reactivate the water bill.
- When signing out please check to make sure we have an “away” contact number and address to reach you.
- “Weeds Needs” – Once again, the Weed program is available for \$40.00. This covers spraying for weeds in your front planters from May through September. If you choose not to participate or if someone is watching out for the upkeep of your property, if there is an issue, the “Friendly Reminder” will be sent to you. Please accept the reminder in the spirit it was intended.....just a friendly notice that your property may need a little attention.
- Hurricane Season – Please put away or secure all outside items that may become a projectile during a Hurricane. Even items that you may think are heavy (patio chairs/ tables, flower box pots or ornaments, etc.) will become airborne in 40+ mph winds. Your neighbors appreciate your consideration. It also does not invite potential thieves in to take your “stuff”.
- Don’t forget to get a forwarding mail package from either the mail man or there is a limited supply in the Office. If you do forget, you can forward your mail on-line at www.usps.gov.

This is probably a good time to give a refresher on how the Water/Sewer/Trash bills work. If you are here more than 6 days in a calendar month, you will get a bill from the city. The bill date is always 1 month past the usage month. For example, if you were here more than 6 days in April, you will get a bill in May, with a bill date of May. The payment will be due in June. To make it a little more confusing, if you have an electronic debit from your checking account, you will see the payment in June, (because that is the due date) for April’s usage. Hope this helps.....if not give Jane a call.

SHUT OFF WATER VALVES

If you are using the water outdoors, please remember to shut off the valve at the house instead of just turn the nozzle on the hose.



LIGHT UP AT NIGHT

If you are riding a bike or driving a golf car at night you should have lights on so others can see you.



ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Any article submitted to the Golden Gate Newsletter should have the author identified. If you have a computer with an email connection, articles may be emailed to ggmedia@tampabay.rr.com, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month. The Board of Directors' Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month and the agreement with the publisher gives us up to the day after the meeting to deliver copy to be published. If you don't have a computer you may continue to deliver a double-spaced paper copy, again, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month.

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SOLICITING

Soliciting of any kind is not allowed in Golden Gate. If anyone comes to your door trying to sell anything, please be safe and just say no thank you; close your door and call the police non-emergency number (on page 2 of the Golden Gate Telephone Directory (727) 541-0758. Do not confront the solicitors.

WEED PROGRAM

As most of you are aware, we have a problem with the growth of weeds during the summer months, typically May through September. The weed problem we are concerned about is in the planter boxes and the front of the homes. Even those homes that have mulch or stones in the planter boxes will have weed growth.

The board does send "friendly reminders" to alert residents as stated in rule #16..."Each shareholder is responsible for the neat and orderly appearance of his or her premises at all times. However, the general response to the friendly reminders has been less than satisfactory.

We would like to aid in solving this problem by having our maintenance staff spray weed killer in the planter boxes or in front of the home for any resident that desires to participate. There will be a \$40.00 per year fee to cover the cost of the material for spraying from May through September. If you wish to participate in this program, send a check or pay cash to Jane in the office. If you choose to participate in this program, our maintenance staff will spray, beginning in May and ending in September. However, if you have ornamental plants that could be harmed by the spraying, you will have to make other arrangements, since we will not be responsible for any damages.

If you choose not to participate, the weed issue for planters and the front of your home will continue to be your responsibility, and be subject to the terms of rule #16 concerning work done in your absence.



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GOOD INFORMATION

Snowbirds, do you have Golden Gate withdrawal shortly after leaving our park and going back home.

Do you ever wondering what am I missing or what is going on at Golden Gate during the summer months?

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Have you ever sat around and discussed a newsletter article from a previous month or even previous year and wish you kept that newsletter?

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Jim Alaimo

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my dear friends for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and your visits both to the hospital and home of my recent surgery. I'm thankful and blessed to all of you!

Joe Soffritti

Thank You!

Linda and I would like to thank everyone who offered their prayers, cards, and calls during Linda's hospital stay. God has answered their prayers as she is doing great. We are truly blessed to have such good friends and thankful for living in Golden Gate!

Dennis Dufault

**A COMPLETE LISTING OF RESIDENT SERVICES
CAN BE FOUND ON THE PAGE BEFORE YOUR CALENDAR**

GOLDEN GATE CHURCH

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BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

1	Bea Kelly	110	19	Anne Marie Doucet	252
	Arthur Quinter	242	20	Robert Faddis	253
2	Margaret Sorenson	42	21	Sidney Stacey	52
3	Judith Jewett	171	22	James Alaimo	17
4	Carol Guilmette	193		Morey Fisher	172
5	Ernest Arthur	43	23	Lester Clester	59
	Winston Howell	274		Patricia Poczalski	5
6	Gloria Ledoux	297	24	Pamela Millsap	137
	Diane Stevens	412	26	Donald Kersey	237
7	Alice Panstingel	20		Susan Berry	179
8	Barbara Pieszcynski	404		Lynda Seddon	51
	Pauline Pilon	104	27	Richard Avitabile	99
	Carole Schaus	243		John Broome	420
	Beverly Williams	125		William Fournier	422
9	Donald Kuzmickas	140		Joseph O'Byrne	279
11	Ross Steele	11	29	Marie Amell-Prieur	62
	Rosemary Wells	215		Kevin Dawe	169
12	Larry Comstock	206		Irene Duncan	411
14	Tina Hartwick	121	30	Mathilda Cashell	277
16	Lauren Hager	46		Claudia Dell	208
	Matthew Hickey	236		Diane Greco	192
	Irene Vaillancourt	23		Kenneth Jones	293
17	Roger Bonenfant	101		Dallas Rearic	292
18	Robert Brookhart	304	31	Eva Bourgette	281
	Gail Perrin	8		Elaine Debeaudry	106

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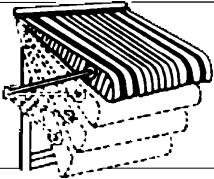
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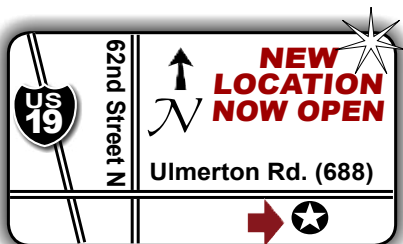


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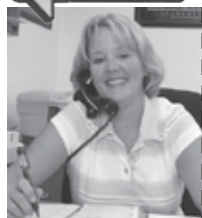
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GOLDEN GATE WOMEN'S CLUB

Submitted by Gloria Kolodzieizyck

April showers have begun to fall and May flowers will soon be in full bloom. That means we will be taking a break from our many activities held by our club this year.

Our last business meeting for the calendar year was held on April 20th. Many ideas were discussed for the coming year and it sounds like we will have many opportunities for fun times together. On April 7th we held a seminar with a representative from Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.

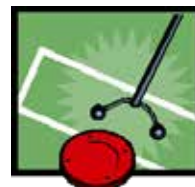
Information was shared with the group dealing with Life's Most Stressful Events, "How to Reduce the Pain of Loss", and a collection of 124 Decisions that have to be made by the people who love you. There were 34 ladies present that also enjoyed a luncheon provided by our guest.

There are still many opportunities for our full time members to get together before our next meeting in October. We will be hosting Father's Day on June 18th as well as a July 4th celebration. I understand there will be other events going on in July, August and September (how about an Ice Cream Social, Picnic, etc.) Let us know what you would be interested in doing.

Have a wonderful summer. Stay happy and healthy. To our seasonal friends, safe travels and we will see you in October.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB!

Frank Poirier, Pres.!!



Here we are at the end of another great season. It has been a stellar year at GG. 2015/16 will be remembered for: !

!! - GG #1 winning the championship in the friendship league!
!! - The start of the In-Park Fun League which brought 50+ new players to the club!

!! - The decision to add a second team (GG #2) to the friendship league!
!! - The first annual Banquet/Pot Luck/Dance that was held on March 23rd!

At the time this was written, the GG "B" team in nova was going to play for first place with a second place guaranteed!

The new board of directors for the club have many projects for 2016/17 and we are looking forward to seeing you all back at the courts in October!

!! Have a great summer and stay safe.





ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

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	Alice & Leo Kuhn	93		Anne Marie & Robert Doucet	252
4	Joan & Robert LeBlanc	312	28	Claire & Marcel Bel Air	122
6	Linda & Dennis Dufault	245	29	Onaline & Vernon Frye	115
	Joan & Jerome Walsh	216		Mona & Donald Grubbs	220
8	Kathleen & Charles Kulman	419	30	Mathilda & Regis Cashell	277
12	Joanne & Calvin Sauers	233		Joan & Harvey Guptil	11
15	Mary & Arthur Braley	408		Anna & Frank Orzel	276
16	Sandie & Robert Gilliland	29			
17	Ann & Robert Danis	48			
19	Verna & Allan Doucette	55			
24	Pauline & Marcel Pilon	104			



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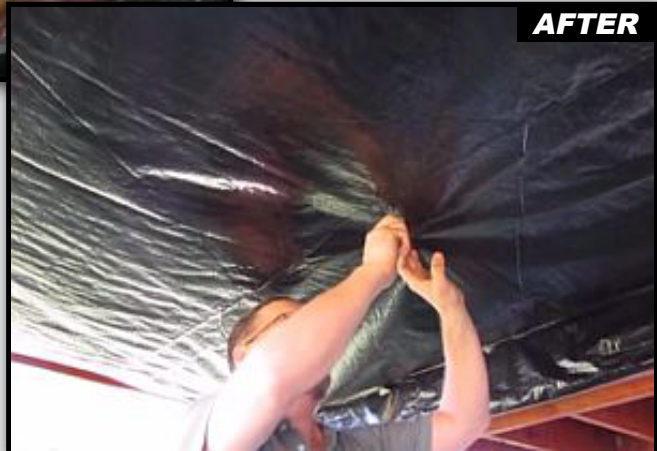
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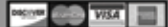
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National Military Appreciation Month. As designated by Congress, National Military Appreciation Month celebrates the history of our armed forces and recognizes the brave people who have served in every branch of military service. It also allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through community participation.

National Bike Month. Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.



Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, May 1-7. A yearly event aimed at raising awareness of the issues and causes integral to the children’s mental health field nationwide. Sponsored by the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, this year’s theme is “Healthy Families, ResilientChildren: Mental Health is a Family Affair.”

National Nurses Week, May 6-12. One of the nation’s largest health care events, National Nurses Week ends on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the mother of modern nursing, and recognizes the contributions nurses make. It also educates the public about the significant work they perform.

American Craft Beer Week, May 16-22. American craft brewers are small, independent, and traditional. The average American lives within 10 miles of a brewery, and the United States now has more beer styles and brands to choose from than any other market in the world. Enjoy a cold one (responsibly) all month long.

May Day, May 1. An ancient northern hemisphere spring festival celebrated in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the activities.



Mother’s Day, May 8. Don’t forget to tell your mother (and mothers everywhere) how much she means to you.

Memorial Day, May 30. A U.S. federal holiday honoring those who have given their lives while serving in the armed forces.

Caregiving has its rewards

As Americans live longer, families are feeling a heavier burden in the caregiving area. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that some 40.5 million Americans are acting as unpaid caregivers for older family members. Most just help one person, but 22 percent are responsible for two people and 7 percent provide help to three or more. Most caregivers are between the ages of 45 and 64 (23 percent), but 17 percent of people older than 65 act as caregivers as well.

The demands may be high, but many Americans find the work worthwhile. Yes, 32 percent describe caregiving as stressful, but 88 percent say helping out an elderly loved one is a rewarding experience.

Try these year-round common cold remedies

You can catch a cold any time of the year, no matter what the weather is. Although you can't cure it, you can relieve its symptoms with some simple remedies. Try these:

- Honey. Honey mixed with tea or warm lemon water can relieve coughing and sore throat.
- Zinc. Zinc supplements taken within the first few days of having a cold can shorten your illness and could prevent a cold in the first place.
- Hot liquids. Hot tea or water can loosen up congestion in your chest and sinuses.
- Salt water. Evidence suggests that rinsing your mouth with salty water can clear up nasal congestion and unclog your sinuses.
- Vitamin C. Evidence that vitamin C can help you avoid or shorten colds is mixed, although research does hint that it may be effective for those with a vitamin C deficiency.



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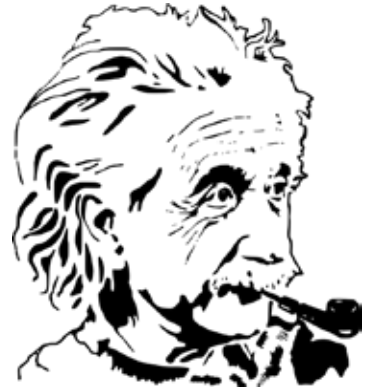
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Einstein: A genius with a human touch

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- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.



The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

Too much of a good thing

A farmer went to church one Sunday. To his surprise, he and the minister were the only people there.

“This is a little embarrassing,” the minister said. “Since you’re the only one here, would you really like to hear my sermon?”

The farmer said, “Well, I’m not too smart, but if I went to the barn to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I’d still feed him.”

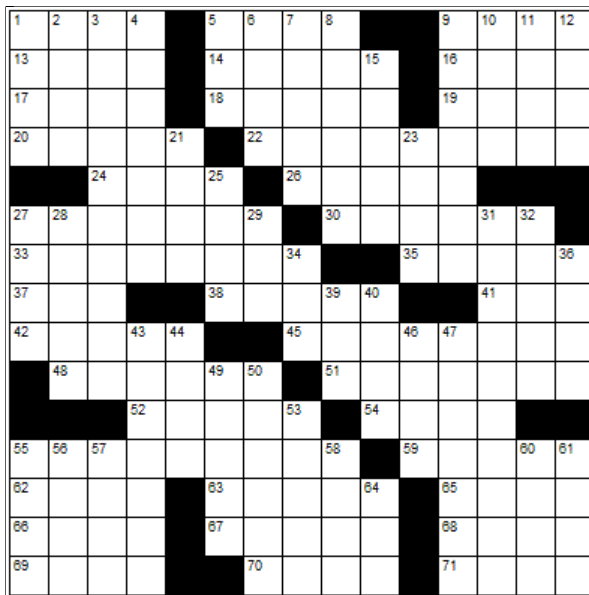
So the minister began his sermon. He spoke passionately for an hour and a half. When he finished, he asked the farmer what he thought.

The farmer answered, “Well, I’m not very smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn’t feed him all the hay.”



ACROSS

- 1. City in Peru
- 5. At one time (archaic)
- 9. Biblical kingdom
- 13. Norse god
- 14. Clairvoyants
- 16. Connecting point
- 17. A style of design
- 18. Pontifical
- 19. One who accomplishes
- 20. Our planet
- 22. Secretariat was one
- 24. Buckeye State
- 26. Pariah
- 27. Merit
- 30. Stoppage
- 33. Addition
- 35. Slowly, in music
- 37. Prefix meaning "Modern"
- 38. Bloodsucker
- 41. Coniferous tree
- 42. Not full
- 45. Giggling
- 48. Ventilate
- 51. Punishment
- 52. Tapestry
- 54. Sodium chloride
- 55. Remember
- 59. Body
- 62. Portent
- 63. Coral island
- 65. Effrontery
- 66. Chomp
- 67. Compacted
- 68. Decorative case
- 69. Sun
- 70. Marsh plant
- 71. Roman emperor



DOWN

- 1. Prospector's find
- 2. Bright thought
- 3. Used to see small things
- 4. Some other
- 5. Clairvoyant's gift
- 6. Back
- 7. Flower part
- 8. Vestiges
- 9. Approve of
- 10. A swinging barrier
- 11. Poems
- 12. No more than
- 15. Napped
- 21. Employ
- 23. Make well
- 25. Egg-shaped
- 27. Eat
- 28. Colonic
- 29. East southeast
- 31. Penetrate
- 32. Scrimp
- 34. Snake-like fish
- 36. Unrestrained revelry
- 39. Type of hat
- 40. Colors
- 43. Coach
- 44. Tale
- 46. Annoying insect
- 47. A grouping of elements
- 49. Threesome
- 50. A Christian celebration
- 53. British biscuit
- 55. Steals
- 56. Send forth
- 57. Anagram of "Meat"
- 58. If not
- 60. Aspersion
- 61. Hodgepodge
- 64. Directed

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Losing weight is just a matter of exercising, right? Actually, that may not be the case, according to a study of exercise and weight loss reported on the CNN website.

Researchers looked at 332 adults in the U.S., Jamaica, and Africa, measuring their activity level over a week. The volunteers displayed a variety of exercise levels from sedentary to active. Although those who exercised and were active more burned away more calories than the others, their activity tended to hit a plateau—after a certain level, more exercise didn't produce more weight loss.



Switching exercises helped a little, since using different muscles can make your body use more energy. But in the long run, a combination of exercise and a reduced-calorie diet may be your best bet for losing those unwanted pounds.

Don't get zapped at work (or home)

Electrical hazards at home and in the workplace injure thousands every year from burns and shocks. Faulty or overloaded wires cause the majority of accidents, so protect your family and your co-workers by following these guidelines:

- Get inspected. If your electrical panel hasn't been inspected for more than 10 years, get a qualified electrician to look it over.
- Unplug heat appliances after use. At home, that includes toasters, hair dryers, and irons, among others. In the office, unplug space heaters or anything else that can cause a fire.
- Use the correct wattage. Putting a 75-watt bulb in a 60-watt light socket is asking for trouble.
- Don't overuse extension cords. They're meant for short-term use, not as way to plug in as many appliances as possible into one outlet.
- Use surge protectors. They'll keep computers and other appliances safe from overloaded circuits.
- Keep appliances away from water. If an appliance that's plugged in falls into water or gets wet, unplug it before you reach for it.
- Don't yank cords. When unplugging an appliance, always grip the head of the cord. Yanking and tugging can damage the cord's wire and insulation, which can lead to an electrical shock or fire.

Tarantulas have their own ‘Man in Black’

A new species of tarantula has been identified by a postdoctoral researcher at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Actually, Chris Hamilton discovered 14 previously unidentified species during his Ph.D. research at Auburn University, but only one of them was named after one of his favorite entertainers: country singer Johnny Cash.

Aphonopelma johnnycashi can be found, appropriately enough, near Folsom Prison in California, the setting of one of Cash’s most famous songs and the site of several concerts the “Man in Black” performed during his lifetime. Tarantulas have more than 50 different species, and Hamilton examined more than 3,000 specimens, narrowing the field initially to 29 possibilities and finally to 14 completely distinct species. Given that Hamilton has a tattoo of Cash himself, the name came naturally.



Shark attacks on the rise

The movie *Jaws* scared lots of people off the beach, but the danger of shark attacks is very real—and it’s increasing. Last year saw a record number of shark attacks, totaling 98 around the world, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The U.S. had the most attacks in 2015, with 30 in the waters off Florida, eight in the Carolinas, seven in Hawaii, two each in California and Texas, and one apiece in New York and Mississippi. Other attacks occurred near the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean, along with Australia, New Caledonia, and Egypt.



Scientists believe that attacks are rising because the shark population is recovering from low levels, and human populations are increasing as well.

Do not sit still; start moving now. In the beginning, you may not go in the direction you want, but as long as you are moving, you are creating alternatives and possibilities.

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Space Station experiment points to possible life on Mars

Fungi from the dry, frigid environment of Antarctica took a trip to the International Space Station to determine their ability to survive under the harsh conditions of the planet Mars. Their endurance suggests that primitive life may indeed be viable on the red planet's surface.

As reported by the NBC News website, scientists took samples of the fungus from the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica, then had them sent up to the ISS, where the crew placed them on a sealed platform outside and exposed them to various types of conditions, including one which simulated the sparse atmosphere and the exposure to radiation present on Mars.

After a year and a half, the fungi had retained 60 percent of their cells, providing evidence that simple forms of life can survive under the toughest conditions in space and on distant planets.

Robot cockroaches could save lives

Few animals are as maligned as the lowly cockroach. But scientists have found something worth emulating about them—their ability to squeeze into even the tightest spaces. Cockroaches on the run are about ½ inch tall, but they're able to compress their bodies to a 10th of an inch when they're trying to hide. Scientists at the University of California-Berkeley have been able to adapt that flexibility in a small, soft, multi-legged robot dubbed CRAM (Compressible Robot with Articulated Mechanisms). Constructed with an “origami-like” manufacturing technique, CRAM is seven inches long, three inches tall, and 1.6 ounces, and it's able to compress itself just like a cockroach to get inside tiny spaces. The scientists hope that CRAMS could be deployed in swarms to search for survivors inside collapsed buildings.

Antilock brakes: Use them properly

Antilock braking systems in cars are designed to improve safety, but they won't do the job unless drivers know how to use them correctly. Here's the right way to use the ABS when you need to stop quickly:

- Apply steady, firm pressure. Never pump or “feather” your brakes. The ABS regulates the braking pressure so the brakes don't lock up. If you pump or slightly release pressure on the pedal, it confuses the computer system and shuts it off.
- Don't let up. The grating noise you may hear is the sound of the ABS working.
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