

APRIL SERVICE AWARDS

Celebrating Pacific Employee Anniversaries

16 YEARS

Cara Declusin VanDeGrift

13 YEARS

Sanjay Prasad

Pennies from Heaven



A little boy wanted a new bike so he prayed and prayed that God would send him \$100. When he didn't get the money, he decided to write God a letter asking for it. He addressed the letter to God, USA.

When the post office received the letter, they thought it was cute and decided to forward it on to the White House. The president was so touched by the letter that he had his secretary send the boy a \$5 bill to go toward the bike.

The boy received the \$5 bill and promptly sat down to write another letter. In it he said, "Dear God, Thank you for sending the money. I see it came from Washington, D.C. I'm not sure why you had to send it through the government, but I can see now that my dad was right. He said the government will take just about all your money by taxing you. But I had no idea how much!"

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Knock, knock!
Who's there?
April Fool's Day,
that's who!

Ha! When you're a child (of 4 or 94), this month signifies one of the greatest times of the year: an entire 24 hours set aside for you to play tricks on those around you. The remarkable day where you not only get to do your utmost to "get" your pals/family members into believing the silliest of notions, but are actually encouraged to do so! Well, sort of—by societal tradition, at least.

Can't get much better than that!

The best part is when your well-thought-out ruse actually works and you have a stunned person standing before you, while you're doubled-over, roaring with laughter. What usually follows is that somebody then plays an April Fool's joke on you; and for some reason those jokes never seem to be quite as funny.

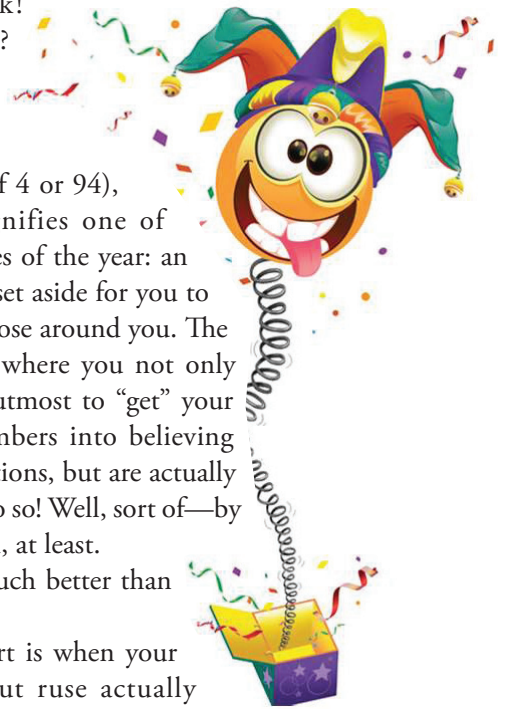
Assuming that most of us are past that stage (sadly!), oftentimes we look to this month as a sign of fresh life and renewal. Renewal in the buds on trees and flowers, sure, but also renewal within our lives if we so choose. I think it's a wonderful time of year to count one's blessings and embrace the new season both literally (get out there and enjoy the day!) and figuratively (do something new that you've always wanted to try).

We'll be here, watching over your precious data materials and handling your storage needs so you can devote yourself to welcoming the upcoming springtime.

Knock, knock! Who's there? A new beginning, that's who!

Enjoy...

Richard



Shred 6 Drives for the Price of 5!

One (1) Hard Drive shredded FREE for every five (5) you bring in during the month of December!

Trivia Quiz: Fairy Tales!

1. In the classic tale of Beauty and the Beast, what ultimately happened to Beauty's two wicked sisters?
2. In Jack and the Beanstalk, what type of musical instrument did Jack steal from the giant?
3. In the Brothers Grimm tale, what was the name of the evil woman who imprisoned Rapunzel in the tower?
4. In Hansel and Gretel, what did the children's father do for a living?
5. How many mattresses did the princess sleep on in The Princess and the Pea?
6. In Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs, what type of ore did the dwarfs mine?
7. In The Emperor's New Clothes, who told the emperor that he wasn't wearing any clothes?
8. Which character said, "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down"?
9. In the tale of Three Billy Goats Gruff, who lives under the bridge?
10. The Pied Piper was hired by the village of Hamelin to get rid of what?

Answers on Next Page!

Green Living: Green Pandemic

With all of the closings happening during the coronavirus pandemic, one of the ones that hit closest home to me was the limited closing of my local recycling center. On my way to go grocery shopping, I brought all my recyclables with me since I'd be driving right by my town's transfer station. I was pleased to find the facility open, but upon entering, I found a strange, new world. Pulling up to the cardboard recycling area, I was greeted by a sign that read, "Cardboard in the Hopper," which in my town means to throw it in the main trash bin—a prospect that horrified me, given my core beliefs and the business I'm in. A similar sign greeted me at the paper recycling area, and at the plastic recycling area.

When I arrived at the metal recycling bin I was somewhat relieved to find it still accepting metals, but the bin was nearly full. I recycled my aluminum, tin, and mixed metals and then took everything else back home with me. I'm fortunate enough where I work from home, and so don't need my car for commuting. So I decided to keep the recyclables stored in my car for now in the hopes that the transfer station will return to normal soon. If your town is in a similar situation—full bins and no way to collect more—please consider finding a temporary storage area for your home recyclables until things get back to normal.



April Holidays and Events

Daily Observances:

- 1 April Fools Day
- 2 Reconciliation Day
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 4 National Love Our Children Day
- 5 National Deep Dish Pizza Day
- 6 Tartan Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 8 National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
- 9 National Alcohol Screening Day
- 10 National Siblings Day
- 12 International Day of Human Space Flight
- 12-18 National Library Week**
- 14 National Library Workers Day
- 14 Pathologists' Assistant Day
- 15 National Bookmobile Day
- 16 Celebrate Teen Literature Day
- 16 Save the Elephant Day
- 17 Ellis Island Family History Day
- 17 National Haiku Poetry Day
- 18 International Amateur Radio Day
- 18 Record Store Day
- 19 National Hanging Out Day
- 21 Kindergarten Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 23 World Book Night
- 24 National Arbor Day
- 25 Spring Astronomy Day
- 26 National Help a Horse Day
- 28 Workers Memorial Day
- 30 International Jazz Day
- 30 National Animal Advocacy Day
- 30 National Honesty Day
- 30 Poem in Your Pocket Day

Monthly Observances:

- Informed Woman Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Workplace Conflict Awareness Month
- Worldwide Bereaved Spouses Awareness
- International Customer Loyalty Month
- Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
- Month Alcohol Awareness Month
- Car Care Month
- Couple Appreciation Month
- Defeat Diabetes Month
- Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- Fresh Florida Tomato Month
- Global Astronomy Month
- Grange Month

PacBlog

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Do You Want To Win A \$25 Amazon Gift Card?



Each month we'll give you a new challenge of some type. All those who reply with a correct answer are eligible to win. At the end of the month we'll draw a lucky name.

Here is this month's challenge:

Two men play five complete games of checkers. Each man wins the same number of games. There are no ties. How?

Last Month's Answer to:

Which statement below is true?

#2—Two statements here are false.

Last month's Winner:

**BEVERLY MCFARLAND
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Email your answer to info@pacific-records.com

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." —Mark Twain

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. They were transformed into living statues and set before the palace gate. 2. A magical harp. 3. Dame Gothel. 4. He was a wood cutter. 5. 20. 6. Gold. 7. A child in the town square. 8. The wolf in The Three Little Pigs. 9. A troll. 10. Rats.

Quick Tips: Food Storage

Store brown sugar in an airtight container. Fill as close to the top of the container as possible. Top with a slice of bread or a few marshmallows on top of the brown sugar to keep it from drying out. If it does dry out, place it in a bowl and top it with a moist paper towel. Leave it for a few hours to soften or if you are in a hurry, place the bowl in the microwave for a few seconds to speed along the process.



Break Room



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Do's and Don'ts of Spring Cleaning

Spring is here! Are you feeling the urge to tackle the clutter? Before cleaning out desk drawers, closets, and file cabinets, there are a few things you should consider.

Check your document retention policy to make sure you're not throwing out paper records too soon. Otherwise, your company could face non-compliance penalties. Don't haphazardly recycle documents that have final disposition dates. Anyone can pick expired documents out of a recycling bin and access your customers' and employees' personal information. Whether you need to clean out a small office or an entire file room, your shredding partner can provide locked bins and consoles to collect your sensitive documents. A screened shredding technician collects the contents for secure destruction.

Consider professional scanning or document storage for any documents you want to keep long term. Several file cabinets worth of paper records can be stored on a single thumb drive, or in a records center more cost effectively than in a leased office.

Treat your old digital devices with similar care. Cell phones, tablets, laptops, and hard drives can be hacked—even after you wipe them clean. Destruction by shredding is the only guaranteed method to erase sensitive data from retired devices. Your media and hard drive shredding provider will destroy your devices and provide you with a Certificate of Destruction.

Spring cleaning can provide a sense of relief. Just remember to do it the right way!

History of April Fools

April Fool's Day is not a national holiday—at least officially. Although the government doesn't recognize this annual day of fun and pranks, it has found its way into the hearts of people young and old. It is believed to have started in the sixteenth century in France, when Pope Gregory, changing the beginning of the year from April 1st to January 1st, introduced a new calendar to the world. Some people either hadn't heard of the change or didn't believe it. When they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1st, they were called "April Fools."

It soon after became associated with spring festivals, celebrated to make the end of winter and the start of spring. It became common for festival goers to try to mock the gullible by sending them on a "fool's errand." They would also don disguises and try to fool their relatives and friends.

The tradition of playing tricks on others became increasingly popular in Europe in the eighteenth century and was brought to the New World by early American settlers. Early pranks in colonial America included pinning signs on people's backs, putting salt or pepper in candy, telling people they had a hole in their clothes or food on their face, or holding items in place by a string. Teachers in the nineteenth century used to say to pupils, "Look! A flock of geese!" and point up. The prankster would then yell, "April Fool!"



In modern times, April 1st is a day set aside to play small clever tricks on people. To qualify as a real April Fool's prank, it should be harmless, in good fun, and completely believable (at least for a while) by your victim. Your trickery should always make your victim smile when you shout "April Fool!" So, get creative and go make some "April Fools" out of your friends.

Did You Know: Libraries

April 12-18 is National Library Week.

The National Library of France in Paris is the fourth largest national library and is the oldest national library in the world. It was founded in 1480 and was originally named *Bibliothèque du Roi* or Library of the King.

There are more libraries in the United States than McDonald's locations.

Benjamin Franklin established the first circulating library in the United States, called the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731. It remained the largest circulating public library in the United States until the 1850s.

In 1815, Thomas Jefferson sold his personal collection of books to the Library of Congress to replace the collection that had been burned by the British. These books are now housed in the Library's Rare Books Division.

About 80 percent of funding for American libraries come from local taxes. Another 20 percent comes from state taxes and less than one percent from federal dollars.

Americans make some 3.5 billion visits to school, public, and college libraries each year—about three times the attendance at movie theaters.

The book stolen most often from public libraries is the Guinness Book of Records.

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