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Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.

-Michael Jordan

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"I still believe in peace, love and understanding."
John Lennon



Cover Credits

by Bill Kositzky



Mindy Hsu plays volleyball with a City of Reno league on Sundays. Her team is the A-list. This is the first time I have practiced volleyball photography and I am very thankful to Mindy for allowing me the opportunity. The outside photo(s) were taken in front of the mural on the side of the Plumus Park gym where she plays and was warming up with a friend. (page 6)

— Bill Kositzky

Congratulations to Bill. Another of his outstanding Reno photos was chosen to be published in the April/May 2011 *Mensa Bulletin*. — Anna

A Note from the Editor

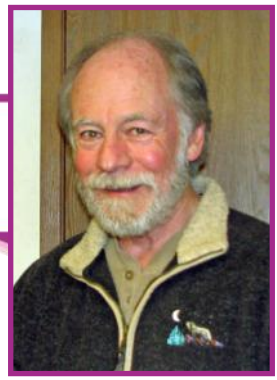
by Anna Wright



We all know that political change dominated the era of the 60s. But, what else happened? COLOR! It was everywhere. Raised in a quiet Midwestern family, I knew there were certain unchallengeable truths: that blue never went with brown, that pink clashed with red, and ladies never wore loud colors (except in Hawaii.) Not only that, but no-one ever wore white after Labor Day in the fall or before Easter in the spring. But, in the 60s, the psychedelic spectrum broke all the rules. All of those beautiful colors were there for every purpose and the LOUDER the shades the better. I have always loved the art from those years. Join us this issue as we celebrate that riotous and joyous color spectrum. ■

From the LocSec

by Bob McAllister



Food

Short this month. Short and "sweet."

I like to experiment with cooking.

When Mary and I met I was a cop and I soon became her knight in shining armor. Now that I'm retired and am on a seven day weekend, I do pretty much all of the cooking and have become her knight in shining apron.

Tastes have long been categorized in the realms of salt, sweet, sour and bitter. There are combinations of bitter-sweet, sweet and sour. Oatmeal cookies are an example generally characterized with sweet and salt. There's hot and sour soup.

And, also it has been long thought, there might be considered an elusive other "taste."

Known tastes have been parsed with the incredible panoply of scents and flavors for the overall science of cooking. (Getting into the complexities of the olfactory sense is a whole other issue.)

That elusive other taste has now gotten a name. Umami. Sometimes "savory."

It opens doors.

Experimenting with the exotic flavors of the Mideast, Malaysia, Latin America, India (actually most parts of the world contribute to flavor exotica) brings about pleasures that are more than just hot spices. Hot needn't even be an aspect of consideration.

And what about the panoply of scents, odors, flavors? Can they be categorized? There have been attempts: scent/flavor names have come about, and identifying them with universal agreement still proves to be elusive.

My thought just now is, what might be the scent cognate to umami?

Vanilla?

Musk? Musk isn't something that one would regard as something with respect to things culinary.

And yet… ■

Notes from Your ExComm

May 14, 2011

- Present were Gerald Lockhart, 1st Vice-Secretary and Anna Wright, *Neva-Mind* Editor.
- There being no quorum, Excomm did not meet.

Wild West RENO Style!

Register NOW for our 4th annual RG!
Online registration is fast and easy. Cost is $60 until 6/31, $75 until 7/31, $90 thereafter. Details and registration forms at: northernnevada.us.mensa.org

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In other news….

Reno Mensan Julie Kriss, graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno, is spending the summer working on a special research project in Romania. She joins three other UNR students and two students from Texas. They will help the educational system in Romania get up to speed on teaching students with disabilities, teaching English to students with hearing impairments and other students, learning research methods and conducting research, and they will take evening classes. You can read about their experiences in a blog by Alex Redei in the Reno Gazette Journal. His blog entries appear each Wednesday. Visit rgj.com and click on 'Education" news. ■



Still time to register for 2011 Mensa AG in Portland, Oregon!

Game On!





Our local Mensa Testing Coordinator *Mindy Hsu* playing volleyball, and photographed by *Bill Kositzky*. She's got the moves!









Happy Birthday !

June

Birthstone: Pearl

Flower: Rose

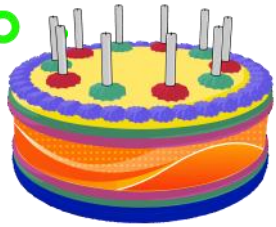
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Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

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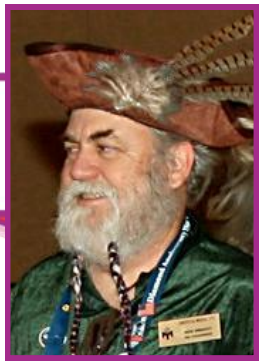
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Krackle...Snap...Pop

by Ken Wright



It will become clear to you, just like it did to Thor the Magnificent (well, hopefully not JUST like it did to him), what those sounds mean: Krackle, Pop, Snap. It changed the way he looked at things. And for certain, it changed the way he did things, way back there in sunny Florida in 1970.

Quail season was upon us, and I loved hunting the fast and wily bobwhite quail, which were plentiful in our area. The birds were very challenging to shoot, and the little darlings tasted so good it was incredible. You did need more than a couple to make a meal because they aren't very big under those feathers.

I set out one morning with Thor, my all-around-good-for-everything dog, who was my bird hunting dog this morning. Now don't get me wrong, he wasn't better at finding, pointing or retrieving birds than a specialist like a Brittany or a Pointer; but he was the BEST bird dog that I had. OK, he was the only dog that I had. But he was willing to do anything that I wanted him to do. He was just eager to please me.

He caught on to what I wanted really quickly; and in no time he was finding birds and would "bust them out," meaning to cause the birds to take flight when I told him to. He would just stand there staring a bush and move when the birds did. It got to be comical at times because he would concentrate so hard on the birds that he would move with them "automatically," not paying any attention to where he was going and trip over clumps of grass or walk into a fence post, and then look around kind of hanging his head, to see if I saw him do that. He looked like he felt really stupid and embarrassed... he had his pride, you know.

The only drawback to his finding and busting birds was that I couldn't communicate to him clearly enough that I was only interested in quail. He would find meadowlarks, nighthawks, dove, wrens, crows, stray chickens, and if they were around, quail.

I had to identify what was taking flight and make the decision to shoot or not, as they flew. It happened very fast, and I was determined not to shoot something that I wasn't going to eat -- for a couple of reasons; it wasn't right to just kill things, and I couldn't afford to waste the shotgun shells. I let more than one covey of quail get away because I wasn't sure and wouldn't shoot.

My shotgun was an old classic, a J. C. Higgins single shot 20 gauge, which I had purchased at a local gun shop for $15. It was a fine gun for me. It really taught

me to make every shot count, and I became a pretty fair shot with it. I really didn't feel that it was necessary to try to shoot every bird in a covey, like some of the men who came out to hunt with me did, carrying their pumps and semi-auto shotguns and blasting away. When the smoke cleared, I had my bird down and they didn't. By having so many shots available, they were forgetting the basics of aiming and following through and were just filling the air with shot.

So Thor the Wonder Dog and I were working our way across the fields surrounding our place there in Rolling Oaks and having a fair amount of success. We had three birds in the bag, from three different coveys. I didn't want to take too many from any one covey, which meant that I had to walk farther; but I was happier about the way that I was doing things. The birds wouldn't be eliminated from any one spot and would have plenty of breeders to keep the covey going.

We were about two miles from the house. It was getting warmer, and I didn't want the birds to spoil in my bag; so we turned around and started to work back towards the house. If we got one more I would be satisfied and call it a good day. If not, it was still a good day. At any rate, when we got in the field next to our house, I wouldn't shoot any more birds because I liked having them running around the house chasing bugs and walking along all in a row. They were neat to watch!

I had learned to identify quail by sound as they took off. It was faster than I could do it by sight and gave me a little edge on getting my "swing" going, to get on these fast moving birds and get a shot off before they were out of range. Which worked great when they were going away from you, or even across you...

...from his actions I knew that he was "dancing" with a snake.

Thor was literally jumping back and forth next to a fence, and from his actions I knew that he was "dancing" with a snake. I couldn't see what kind of snake it was from where I was, but he was keeping just out of range of its repeated strikes and waiting for the chance to jump in and grab it. I yelled at him to leave the snake alone and get back to the birds. He hesitated to obey me, which was unusual, and I started towards him, aggravated that he didn't do what I said, and starting to worry that he was going to get bit, again. He never learned to fear anything but sudden loud noises, and he would tolerate the gun going off as long as it was just me because he was always watching me and trusted me. If anyone else fired, he was outta' there, headed for home and a hiding spot.

As I got closer I could see that he had indeed found trouble, and birds. He was dancing with about four feet of ill tempered Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, which had located a bird nest in some bushes and didn't want to give up such an easy meal. By now Thor had worked himself into a frenzy and was coming closer and closer to being bitten, trying to get a grab on the snake. I yelled at him to back off and swung the gun around where he could see me pointing it at the snake. I

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From the RVC

by Debra Reiger

Are you going to the upcoming Annual gathering (AG) in Portland, Oregon? It is right here in Region 8 and it's going to be wonderful! The program is excellent, and some really great tours are available – one of them is a tour of the spectacular Columbia River Gorge. Oregon has lots to offer when you are away from the AG, too. The famous Powell's bookstore is always a treat to visit, and Portland is not far from the Pacific Ocean. You might want to take a few extra days to visit the beautiful and dramatic Oregon coast (my favorite town on the Oregon coast is Depoe Bay, but there are lots of great places to visit all up and down the state.) I have noticed that diners and small restaurants in Oregon take great pride in excellent pies; if you are a pie lover and are traveling outside of Portland, I suggest you try some of the excellent pies made from local berries. Yum! The AG starts on June 30, and ends July 4. I hope to see you there!

I'm also jazzed that next year's AG will be in Reno, NV, another very fun place to visit. I happen to know that great things are being planned for this venue too!

You may have noticed that the AMC ballot didn't include a place to vote for Region 8 RVC. That's because I ran unopposed and was declared elected. I appreciate the opportunity to represent Region 8 on the AMC, and will proudly serve again during the upcoming term.

At the AMC level, we have had some interesting, and sometimes difficult, issues come up during the past two years. Thanks to a strong commitment to the strategic planning process and ongoing support for the plan, we have been able focus mostly on strategy based decision making. That doesn't always make things easier, but it does help sort out priorities.

It's a pleasure and an honor to represent you on the AMC, and I have very much enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you. I look forward to the upcoming term, and to more meeting, talking, and representing.

Best regards,
Debra Reiger, RVC8

"Giant Sequoia" RG Planned for July

San Francisco Regional Mensa will host its first gathering in California's Central Valley July 29-31. The event, headquartered at the Visalia Marriott, 300 S. Court St., Visalia, will include an eclectic program, a warm and fuzzy hospitality suite, a game room, a book sale and a late night paranormal investigation.

Visalia, which enjoys a thriving art and music scene, has a beautiful downtown with a wide variety of restaurants (within easy walking distance of the hotel). It is the largest city in Tulare County, which boasts the tallest mountain in the 48 contiguous states and the largest living things (by volume) in the world – the Giant Sequoia.

During the summer, the Sequoia Shuttle runs daily from the hotel to Sequoia National Park. (The "Convention Center" stop is in front of the Marriott.) Round-trip tickets are $15 and include park admission. Shuttles inside the park offer visitors free transportation to and from all the major park attractions. Reservations are required and may be made at reservations.sequoiashuttle.com.

The special Mensa room rate is $89 (single or double) if you call 1-800-798-6506 and mention Mensa. The rate is guaranteed through June 29. Parking is free.

RG registration, which includes the Saturday buffet lunch, is $45 until 6/15, $50 until 7/15, and $60 at the event. A registration form, links and updated RG information are at www.sfmensa.org. For more information, email Steve Pastis at rgchair2011@sfmensa.org. ■

Report from Mind Games:

Thanks to Mensa of Northeastern New York for hosting an exciting Mind Games this past April! About 300 Mensans gathered in Albany to play and rate 58 new board games. After tallying the votes on Sunday morning, five new games have earned Mensa Select distinction. They are:

- InStructures (Jane's Games, www.janesgames.com) This is an exciting construction-themed game.
- Pastiche (Gryphon Games, www.freddistribution.com) Explore the paintings, palettes, and pasts of artists in this unique and challenging game for the whole family.
- Pirate versus Pirate (Out of the Box Publishing, www.otb-games.com) Pirates have discovered an island brimming with treasure; conquer the island by capturing the gold and silver, or by eliminating enemy pirates.
- Stomple (GaZima Games, www.gazimagames.com) Outwit your opponents by stomping their marbles before they stomp yours!
- Uncle Chestnut's Table Gype (Eternal Revolution, www.eternalrevolution.com), an abstract strategy game with a random element. ■

Catherine Barney, AML News

Which of these events actually happened in the 60s?

Music:

a. Elvis records “Are You Lonesome Tonight?”
b. The former Quarrymen become the Beatles
c. Robert Zimmerman changes his name to Bob Dylan
d. Formation of the Mothers of Invention
e. Formation of the E Street Band (by Bruce Springsteen)
f. Release of “Johnny B. Goode”
g. Release of “Pet Sounds” (including “Wouldn't It Be Nice”)
h. Release of “Exile on Main Street”
i. Release of “Led Zeppelin I”
j. Release of “The Who: Live at Leeds”
k. Release of “How to Operate with a Blown Mind”
l. The Doors' last public performance

Bonus question: Identify and differentiate Spike Jones and Spike Jonze

Entertainment:

a. Release of the novel “2001: A Space Odyssey”
b. Debut of “The Twilight Zone”
c. “Wizard of Oz” first broadcast on television
d. Groundbreaking of the Hollywood Walk of Fame
e. “To Kill a Mockingbird” published
f. “Future Shock” published
g. Debut of “Sesame Street”
h. Debut of “Mister Rogers' Neighborhood”
i. Debut of “All My Children”
j. Debut of “Doctor Who”
k. Debut of “Monty Python's Flying Circus”
l. Debut of “Doonesbury”

Bonus question: Which of these events (above) is rarely mentioned in the United States because of something else that happened the day before?

Events:

a. Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) has his first professional fight
b. Castro takes over Cuba
c. OPEC founded
d. First functioning laser
e. First Earth Day
f. Prince Charles crowned Prince of Wales
g. Chappaquiddick incident
h. First ATM installed
i. Incorporation of Wal-Mart
j. First female U.S. General
k. Intel founded
l. Microsoft founded

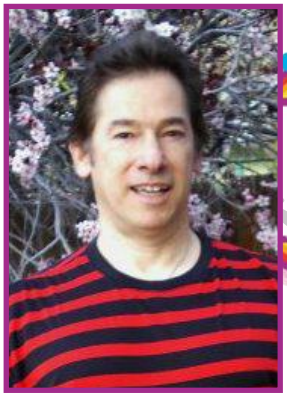
Bonus question: What happened November 14-24, 1969? Hint: The related events before and after it got a lot more publicity.

Births & Deaths:

a. Members of U2 born
b. Main cast of “Friends” born
c. Weird Al born
d. Michael Jackson born
e. Neil Gaiman born
f. Quentin Tarantino born
g. Errol Flynn dies
h. “John-John” (JFK Jr.) born
i. Brian Williams (news anchor) born
j. Barack Obama born
k. Adolf Eichmann found and tried
l. Josef Mengele found and tried
m. World population hits 3 billion
n. World population hits 4 billion
o. U.S. population hits 200 million



Answers on page 26.



Program Listing

by Richard Arbib

June Monthly Meeting & (First ever?) Trivia Banquet

at **Fuji Japanese Seafood Buffet Restaurant Saturday, June 11**

Time: Dinner at **6 p.m. Be on time** — competition begins with your dinner.
Address: 5015 Pyramid Way #107, Sparks, near Los Altos, across the street from Kohl's and the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Cost: No host.

Northern Nevada Mensa's Culture Quest® team has just finished their annual competition and (before the results come out) here's your chance to see what they were up against. We challenge you to a team trivia-contest. BRING A FRIEND, Mensan or not, and join the fun. Prizes will be awarded for the best (and worst) team results. ■

July Monthly Meeting
Saturday, July 16
Returning presenter Gideon For-mukwai will speak about using social media to promote your business and increase your social contacts. Potluck dinner at the home of Gerry Lockhart in Carson City.

Game Night at Joe's Place: Saturday June 4. Potluck.
4:30 until 8:30 p.m. 1047 Table Mountain Court, Sparks.
Contact: Joe (775) 338-6521or joe_kisenwether@hotmail.com.
(No Game Night July 2)

Please share this information with your friends and colleagues:

Admissions Testing sessions are scheduled for June 4 and August 6 at Grassroots Books, 660 E. Grove St., Reno. Tests are also available by appointment. Details and reservations at: Testing@northernnevada.us.mensa.org

Mensa Supper Club

June 21, Supper Club will be at 6 p.m. at Los Compadres restaurant. 1490 E. 4th St., Reno. Questions? Contact Anne Stewart at bunnyslippers4me@att.net.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	*2*	*3*	***4*** **Testing & Game Night at Joe's**
5	*6*	*7*	***8*** Jewish Shavou'ot	*9*	*10*	***11*** **Mensa Meeting: Trivia Banquet!**
12	*13*	*14* Flag Day 	*15*	*16*	*17*	*18*
19 Father's Day Juneteenth	*20*	***21*** **NEW! Supper Club** Summer Equinox	*22*	*23*	*24*	*25*
26	*27*	***28*** **Lunch Bunch**	*29*	*30*	*July 1*	*July 2*

2011 Annual Gathering Portland, OR: A Great Journey West

Lunch Bunch: **"Groovy!"** Meet us at Walden's Coffeehouse, 3940 Mayberry Drive (at West McCarran in the little shopping center.) Restaurant phone # 775-787-3307. When? Tuesday, June 28 at 11:45 a.m. Need more info? Contact Don or Laura: (775) 826-5904

Imagine



by Anna Wright

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line.



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Mensa for Kids! *(and kids at heart)*

by Maurice Pollack and Anna Wright

Geronimo Jones:

PROBLEM ONE

6	4	1
8	4	2
11	4	?

PROBLEM TWO

6	4	2
8	4	0
11	4	?



Hint: These two problems are not addition or subtraction. (Geronimo Jones could not solve them without needing this hint.)



Research problem:



In addition to the peace symbol on the left, the symbol you see at the right was also very popular in the 1960s. What is it? Where does it come from?

Kids' Movies

Some of everyone's favorite movies began as kids' cartoons on T.V. Unscramble the letters below to name some of those titles. When you are finished, use the specially marked letters to name the most popular kids'-cartoons-to-movies film to date.

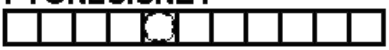
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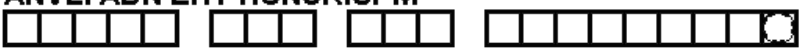
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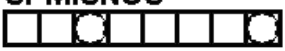
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GRAFFITI WALL

Humor from the odder side.



(Krackle continued from page 9)

don't think that my yelling was having any effect on him at that point, but he knew what came out of the business end of that shotgun and backed out and then ran around behind me, still trying to get an angle on the big snake. I hated to do it, but he was too close to the house and Thor would be back out there after him as soon as I went in the house. So I blasted the snake, and it tore him up from that close range with bird shot. I took the rattles off of his tail and flung him up into the top of some large bushes where the dog couldn't get at him. Those fangs can kill even after the snake is dead, and that way the birds could have a good meal from him.

I figured that was enough excitement for one day and started down the fence line, checking on the dog and looking for the cows that should be in the pasture that we were going to cut through. These cows were mellow and didn't have a bull in with them, so it wouldn't be a problem at all. Anyway, the rancher had put up an electric fence because the cows were pushing the fence down reaching for the "greener" grass on the other side. These cows either weren't very bright or had quite a high tolerance to electric shock because the rancher had the fence turned up as far as he could get it, and the pulse frequency was so close that it was almost constant. A couple of the cows that I could see looked like they had singe marks horizontally across their chests... of course it could have been rub marks from leaning on the fence before — hard to say.

I looked over at Thor. He was at the far corner of the field in the wrong direction, and he was onto some birds. The way that he kept moving and stopping and moving again, I was fairly certain that he had located some quail. They will quite often run instead of taking flight and I thought, “OK, if you've found me some, the least I can do is come over and give it a try.” As I was nonchalantly walking across the field, the dog started moving towards me at a pretty fast walk. I had no more shifted my shotgun around to the ready position than the covey broke ground and due to the pressure from behind, were coming right at me!

I couldn’t shoot straight ahead, because the dog was in hot pursuit and I might have hit him. That's if I could even line up on one. They kept coming, and I squatted down because it looked like they were going to collide with me. It might just have been an illusion, but it was a good one!

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Once they had passed me I figured that it was too late, but I swung on one bird and fired anyway and the son-of-a-gun fell out of the sky dead. Talk about your lucky shots, it just plunked down and didn't move. All I would have to do is walk over and pick it up.

It dropped into the cow pasture on the other side of the fence. The rancher had put up warning signs about the fence along its entire length and had built "stiles" over the fence in several locations for people to

cross — really a nice guy. Before I started over the fence, I laid my unloaded and opened shotgun down on top of my bird bag and told Thor to stay with the bag. He had no problem with that, his tongue was hanging out from the exertion of the morning. As I crossed over the stile, I could smell electricity and hear the krackle of the voltage running through the wires, and I thought that this thing must really be "hot" for me to smell and hear it.

I found the bird exactly where it went down. All the shot had gone into his right wing, except for one lone BB that had hit him in the head and killed him while he was still flying. If that one hadn't hit his head, we would still be chasing this bird around on the ground. He would have one bad wing, but he would still run like a track star.

As I was examining the bird, I headed back to the fence and looked up to see where I was in relation to the stile. I had veered about twenty feet to the right, which was no big deal in itself, but when I looked up two things that immediately got my attention: there was a current booster box on the pole just to my right, and straight in front of me was Thor with his leg coming up. The fence was only about ten feet away from me. I yelled, but it was too late...

KRACKLE went the electricity raging through the wire....

POP was the sound when the stream of urine hit that pole and wire...

And the SNAP was like the sound of a whip popping and probably twice as painful... the blue arc leapt from the wire following the liquid back to its "source."

It was so powerful that it slammed that 120 pound dog backwards and to the ground. All I could do was stand there in "shock," no pun intended, and watch the instantaneous event transpire. I could smell burnt hair and hear the scream which came from this mighty beast as he went backwards.

I hurried over the stile and ran to the dog. He was conscious and breathing, with a look of disbelief or something on his face. This was the first time that something he peed on had fought back! I made him roll over onto his side, fearing that his male parts had been blown off, but everything was still there and only time would tell about the functioning parts. There was some singeing of the hair but no other burns that I could find.

We had to take the long way home because the dog wouldn't cross any of the fences. Can't say that I blamed him. And, he low-crawled most of the way on his belly. He could stand up. He was just afraid to at that point, probably fearing another "sneak attack" and wasn't giving any opportunities for that if he could help it.



Thor recovered fully and everything worked all too well. For years after that incident you could put a loop of wire around the poor guy on the ground and he would lie down, belly to the ground, and not move, no matter what. But hey, even Superman had Kryptonite. Only, it just made him feel weak. It didn't just about blast his... never mind. ■

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Local Group Annual Financial Report

To comply with IRS and audit requirements, all Local Groups must submit an annual report of all cash balances owned/controlled by the group, for the period ending March 31st. ***Please complete and return to AML by April 30th.*** Responses to the following questions CAN be emailed to LocalGroups@americanmensa.org.

Group Name/Number: Northern Nevada Mensa #893

1. Is your group incorporated in your state?
   ☐ YES ☑ NO

2a. Does your group have a determination from the IRS for its own tax-exempt status? (separate from AML)
   ☐ YES ☑ NO

   2b If Yes, what category?
   ☐ 501(c)3 ☐ 501(c)4 ☐ Other _____

3. Is your group required to submit annual 990 tax reports to the IRS?
   ☐ YES ☑ NO

4. What is the fiscal year for your group?
   ☑ Jan 1 – Dec 31
   ☐ April 1- March 31
   ☐ July 1 – June 30
   ☐ Oct 1 – Sept 30

5. Please list the ending balances for all of your local group accounts as of ***March 31***.

Checking	441.02
Savings	5,380.22
RG	
Scholarship	
Investment	
Other (_____)	
Other (_____)	

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6. Please include the following summary activity for reconciling to your accounts listed above.

Cash Balance at April 1, 2010 (all accounts including checking, savings, CDs, etc.)	4,355.55
Revenue:	
Dues & Testing Income from Mensa	2,056.90
Events Total Income (RGs, etc.)	11,908.06
Inves tment Income	
Member Contributions	
Other Income	1.42
Total Revenue	13,966.38
Expenses:	
Advertising, PR & Marketing	128.92
Awards	
Bank/Credit Card Fees	
Events Total Expenses (RGs, etc)	9,312.86
Newsletter (incl. Postage, printing, etc.)	2,731.56
Supplies	162.35
Testing	165.00
Total Expenses	12,500.69
Total Cash, March 31, 2011	1465.69
Balance per Bank Statement at March 31, 2011 (all accounts including checking, savings, CDs, etc.)	5,821.24
Add: Outstanding Deposits	0
Less: Outstanding Checks	15.00
Adjusted Cash, March 31, 2011	5,806.24

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An Invitation to Attend

by Arthur Chenin



Renovation

The 69th World Science Fiction Convention
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What is Worldcon?

The Worldcon, or World Science Fiction Convention, is held annually in cities ranging from New York to London and Yokohama to Melbourne. In August 2011, this unique five-day event is coming to the Reno-Sparks Convention Center — with around 4,000 fans from over 30 countries expected to attend.

Why Come?

Worldcon is a true festival of science fiction — over 500 hours of panels and talks, plus an Art Show, Dealers' Room, Independent Film Festival, Concerts, Dances, a Steampunk Ball, Masquerade, Hall Costumes, Special Exhibits, Anime, Games Room, the Klingon Language Institute and the Hugo Awards (Science Fiction's Oscars ™). The 2011 Guests of Honor include writer Tim Powers (whose novel On Stranger Tides forms the basis for the latest Pirates of the Caribbean movie), Editor Ellen Asher and Artist Boris Vallejo.

Who's Appearing?

Worldcon is a destination for professional writers, editors, publishers, artists and performers, as well as fans. See the Renovation website for the latest list of confirmed attendees, which already includes writers such as: Greg Benford, Lois McMaster Bujold (Vorkosigan saga), Paul Cornell (Doctor Who, Marvel and D.C. Comics), George R. R. Martin (Game of Thrones), Kim Stanley Robinson (Mars Trilogy), Robert J. Sawyer (Flash Forward) , Charles Stross, Harry Turtledove, Carrie Vaughn (Kitty Norville series), Connie Willis and many more. ■



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Mensa for Kids! Answers:

Geronimo Jones:

The answers are 2 and 3, Respectively. The logic is horizontal, from left to right. 6 divided by 4 is 1 with a remainder of 2 8 divided by 4 is 2 with a remainder of 0. And 11 divided by 4 is 2 with a remainder of 3

The whole number answers are for problem one. The remainder answers are for problem two.

Kids Movies answers:

CSOBOY ODO
SCOOBY DOO

ATGEENE TMAUTN NJNAI TSLRETU
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

FTONLSISNET
FLINTSTONES

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INSPECTOR GADGET

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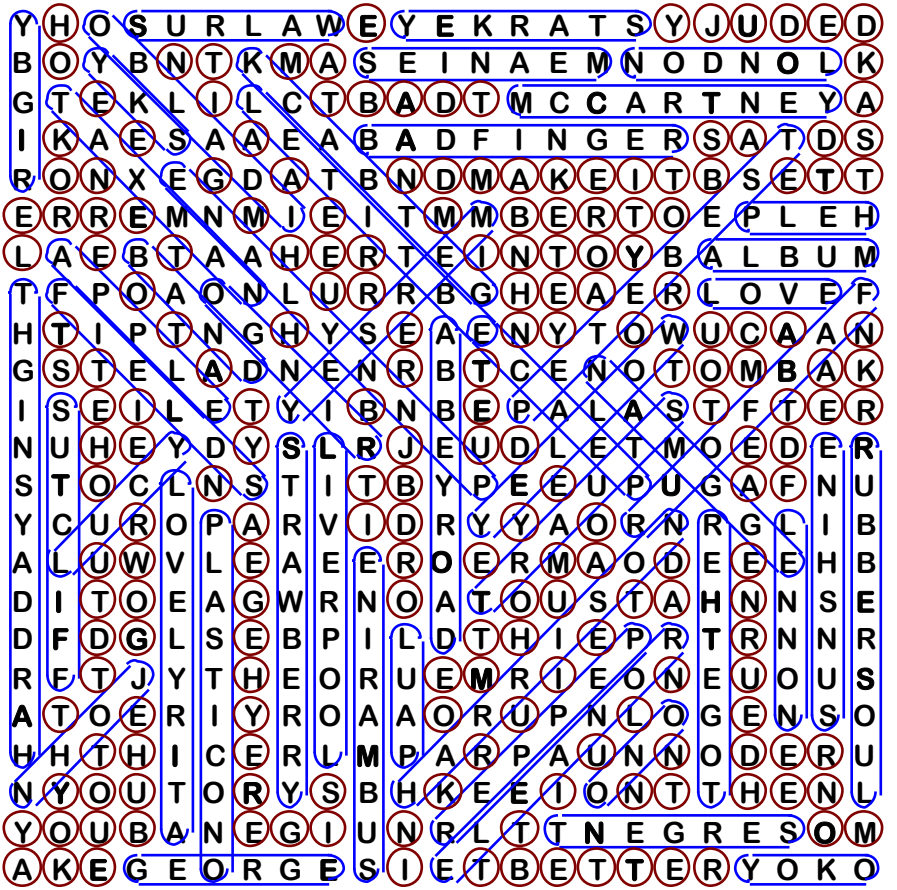
RGGEEO FO EHT ULJEGN
GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE

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TRANSFORMERS

Research problem: The symbol is called an ankh and is from ancient Egypt. It was considered to be the “key” to eternal life.

Imagine answers:



Which of these events actually happened in the 60s? Answers:

Music:

a. Yes
b. Yes
c. Yes—made it official August 1962
d. Yes—1964
e. Formal Nope—1971-2
f. Nope—1958
g. Yes—May 1966
h. Nope—1972
i. Yes—January 1969
j. Nope—February 14, 1970
k. Trick question! 1998
l. Nope—December 1970

Bonus question: Answer: Jones was a satirical musician and bandleader in the 40s-60s (“Der Feuhrer's Face”, “All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth”) who died in 1965; Jonze is a music video (Fatboy Slim, Beastie Boys) and movie (“Being John Malkovich”, “Where the Wild Things Are”) director in the 2000's who was born in 1969.

Entertainment:

a. Yes—concurrent with the film
b. No—1959
c. No—November 1956
d. Yes—February 1960
e. Yes—1960
f. Nope—1970
g. Yes—November 10, 1969
h. Yes—February 19, 1968
i. Nope—January 1970
j. Yes—23 November 1963
k. Yes—October 5, 1969
l. Nope—October 26, 1970

Bonus question: Which of these events (above) is rarely mentioned in the United States because of something else that happened the day before? (J)

Events:

a. Yes—October 29, 1960
b. Yes—1960
c. Yes—September 1960
d. Yes—1960
e. Nope—1970
f. Yes—July 1, 1969
g. Yes—July 1969
h. Yes—September 1969
i. Yes—October 29, 1969
j. Nope—June 11, 1970
k. Yes—July 18, 1968
l. Nope—April 4, 1975

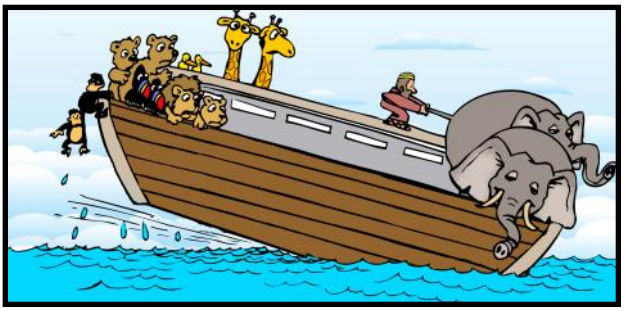
Bonus question: What happened November 14-24,1969?
Answer: Apollo 12 mission.

Births & Deaths:

a. Yes
b. Yes
c. No—October 23, 1959
d. Nope—August 29, 1958. Randy and Janet were born in the 60s
e. Yes—November 1960
f. Yes—March 27, 1963
g. No—October 1959
h. Yes—November 1960
i. No—May 5, 1959
j. In America, dammit! Yes—August 4, 1961
k. Yes—1962
l. Nope—didn't happen
m. No—July 1959
n. No—April 1974
o. Yes—1968

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AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec	Local Secretary (Local President)
M/Ms	Mensans
MERF	Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL	Mensa International Ltd.
NNM	Northern Nevada Mensa
PRP	Publication Recognition Program
RG	Regional Gathering (Conference)
RVC	Regional Vice-Chair
SIG	Special Interest Group
SIGHT	Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers
WG	World Gathering (Conference)





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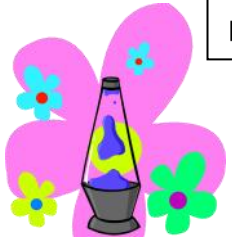
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