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A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
Winston Churchill

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Anna Wright





We Need You!

Northern Nevada Mensa's first ever

Scholarship Fundraising Dinner and Auction

What can you do to help your fellow Mensans?

Come and Eat!

Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. $35

at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Resort, Room: Silver Baron A, on the mezzanine (no smoking) level. A portion of every dinner you purchase goes directly to the scholarship fund.

For more information contact: Anna at Editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org or visit our website www.northernnevada.us.mensa.org directly to purchase tickets.

Yes, we have PayPal.

Buffet Menu:

Salads (of course!)
Broiled Filet of Salmon
Country Style Fried Chicken
Mesquite Barbequed Tri-Tip
Veggies
and
Desserts!



Would you rather donate to the scholarship fund?

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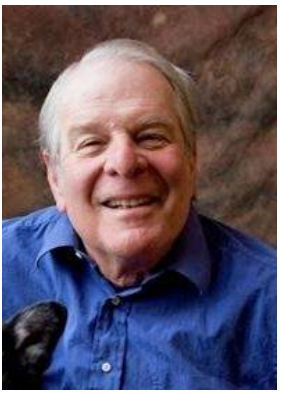
Rich Lederer checking in — your longtime Mensa Bulletin *language columnist and fly-by-the-roof-of-the-mouth user-friendly linguist, Wizard of Idiom, Attila the Pun, and Conan Grammarian, as well as past president of San Diego Mensa.*

I'm coming to town for the Davidson Institute Young Scholar Summit at the University, and I look forward to hanging out with you Thursday evening 6 p.m., June 14, at Bob and Mary McAllister's. I'll be signing my new book, Amazing Words*, and other titles.*

Yours in Mensa,

Rich Lederer

When Richie Met Simone



Back in 1990, I, a non-Mensan at the time, was asked to keynote at the first-ever Regional Gathering (RG) for New Hampshire Mensa. I attended the RG in Manchester with my girlfriend Carolyn.

Over the course of the day, I was struck by how much Carolyn did not enjoy the company of the Mensans at the event and how much I did. I have a rat inside my brain that runs on a treadmill — *pitta-patta pitta-patta pitta-patta* — and I felt in the company of other people who experienced that *pitta-patta* in their skulls. We humans are not born alone; joining and being active in a club whose members share your passion for ideas and get your jokes is one of the great joys of life.

At the RG, I cast my eyes upon an incredibly beautiful and statuesque Dutch woman named Simone van Egeren. Simone was a Central New Jersey Mensan who had traveled more than 300 miles to attend the New Hampshire RG as the date of Marty Capodice, the NH Loc Sec who had invited me to speak.

I had no expectation of ever returning to the RG, but a woman in the group invented a trivia quiz show titled [“Twilight Zone” music] “Second Chance,” and I was asked to come back and to MC that program. So in 1991, I attended my second New Hampshire RG, but without Carolyn,

and whom should I see there but–ta da! — Simone, who was no longer dating Marty. I approached Simone in the Hospitality suite and said how pleased I was to see her again. Dorkily I attempted to continue the conversation, but rather quickly she mentioned that she just had to see someone else on the other side of the room, and she left me.

Never one to easily take “no” for an answer, I waited awhile and then came and sat next to Simone again. We chatted for a bit, and she said that she had to talk to another someone else on the other side of the room, and she abandoned me again.

Never one to easily take “no” for an answer twice, I waited awhile and than came and sat next to Simone one more time. “Well,” I observed, “you seem to have a lot of other people to see. Am I bothering you?”

“No,” she explained. "I find you a very attractive man — but I don’t date married men.” Simone knew that I had three children, and Carolyn had seemed to be the right age to be my wife and mother of my children. When I explained that Carolyn and I were not married, Simone’s face brightened, and she gave me her number, saying “If things ever change between Carolyn and you, do give me a call.” Two months later, we started dating, and two months after that, we became engaged. Five months later we entered into an M&M marriage ("Melts in your mind, not on your hands") — one of the many possible benefits of consorting with Mensans.

Call it fate or destiny, if you wish — but I am reminded of the farmer who was showing a guest around his farm. Observing the fertile and well-manicured acres, the guest enthused, “Wow, this is God’s country!” “Yes,” rejoined the farmer, “but I gave God a lot of help.”

If it was fate or coincidence that brought my love and me together, I maintain that Simone’s adventurous trek to the RG and my putting myself out there so that I get invited to speak at such gatherings gave fate and coincidence a lot of help.

Postscript: During our engagement, I took the Mensa entrance tests. In those days, five weeks crawled by before one learned the results, and here I was engaged to a Mensan. What if I flunked? Luckily, I squeaked by and in. Still, it was the worst case of Pre-Mensan Syndrome I have ever experienced. ■

National Automobile Museum Visit

The May Mensa meeting was held at the National Auto Museum in downtown Reno where we enjoyed a private tour arranged just for us. Last stop in the museum was here in front of the “Thomas Flyer.”



Great fun for all! You should have been there too!

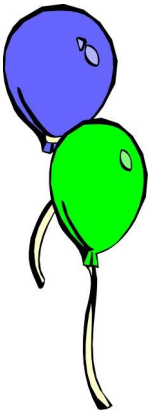
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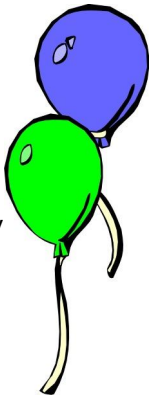


The *Biggest Little Team*,
representing Northern Nevada Mensa, competed on April 29,
completing 236 grueling trivia questions in a scant hour and one half. No help please; just good old fashioned memory allowed!

Mark Pipes, Ken Wright, Anna Wright, Arthur Chenin, and Travis McCord.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





June

2	**Jenny Beatty**	Reno
7	**Orville Forte III**	Olympic Valley
10	**Conda Arteaga**	Reno
10	**Alison Cerocke**	Sparks
11	**Sheree Ashapa**	Minden
11	**Virginia Moore**	Reno
14	**Robert McKay**	Eureka
15	**Capt. James Lockridge**	Reno
15	**Patricia Tindall**	Winnemucca
26	**Brian Underdahl**	VC Highlands
27	**Annemarie McTaggart**	Reno
28	**Gerald Garner**	Carson City
28	**Kenneth Wright**	Fallon





WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Jason Joe	Reno
Steve Packer	Reno
Joseph Van Alstyne	Reno
Conda Arteaga	Reno
Dr. William Jacobsen Jr.	Reno

Willkommen,
Bienvenidos,
Irashaimasu,
Dobro pozhalovat',
Chaire,
Bienvenue!



Support Your Local Mensans:
New Book by *Cookie* (*aka Leslie Kim*)



Local Mensan and good friend, Cookie, is the executive director of Fight Fraud America (www.fightfraudamerica.com), and has extensive knowledge in recognizing and protecting yourself from frauds, scams, and flim-flams. She'll also be giving talks at our July Annual Gathering (AG) here in Reno. Be sure to register for the AG so you can hear her latest scoops.

— Anna

Arkansas (Little Rock)

Donna Sherman got quite a 77th birthday present when she went out to her mailbox. Along with a birthday card from her younger sister, there was an official-looking envelope addressed to her at 123 Main Street. Right on the front of it was a warning that it was to be opened by addressee only and the return address was that of General Motors.

Inside the envelope was a check in the amount of $3600 made out in her name. The enclosed letter explained that the money was a settlement of a class action lawsuit for those who owned 1992 Chevrolet Malibus. The letter further explained that the recipients were required to send a money order of $895 to a special fund being used to handle any future work on the remaining cars.

Donna drove, in the 1992 Malibu she'd had for 16 years, to her bank and deposited the check. It was a Friday and everybody was busy, but she was able to get a money order for the $895 and put it into the mail that very same day.

Then she met her friend Adele at Sunshine Kitchen, their favorite restaurant, and was treated to a birthday lunch. All considered, it was a marvelous day.

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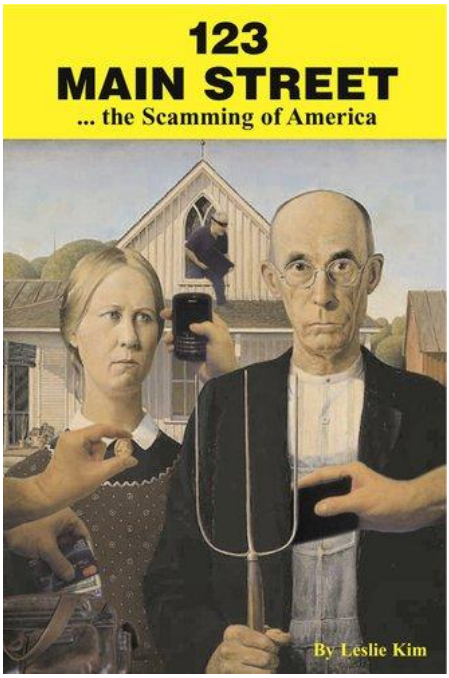
At the age of 77 years and 21 days, Donna received another letter. This time it came from Community Bank and Trust and it notified Donna that the $3600 check she had deposited was fraudulent and had been charged back to her account.

While her bank reversed the charges associated with the transaction, they were unable to do anything about the $895.

Hundreds of consumers, including nice and honest people just like Donna, are hit by this scam every single day. It's another variation of the "advanced fee fraud" and it is fueled by sheer numbers.

Finding out that she drove a 1992 Malibu was the simplest part of all, and the letter referencing her car was very believable. She was an excellent victim because (1) she was a senior citizen and, therefore, unusually trusting, (2) she dealt with a small town bank, (3) she'd had an account for a very long time and was reasonably sure to have funds enough to cover the check so that it would reflect immediately into her account.

So how did the fraudsters find her? One possibility is Ed and Cindy Flanangan, the meth-head couple who made their living locating potential victims. They might have seen her, a little old lady in a 1992 Malibu, leaving a local Little Rock grocery store, followed her home (and wrote down the address) and then did a computer search to get her name. Then they sent her name, her address and her car description to the next level of players in this organized fraud. Ed and Cindy work on commission and make a darn good living. Another possibility is when an employee (perhaps of the area GM dealer where Donna gets her car serviced) steals names and information and sells them to the next level. The possibilities are endless. ■



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Olympics Hidden Message

J U D O T E H E M N D E C A T H L O N A
F I E L D O U S T I A H M P O R T A N T
T T H I N G I Q N N E I T H T E P O T H
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gymnastics
hammer
heptathlon
hurdles
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judo
kayak
marathon
nude
physique
polevault
shotput
silvermedal
sprint
tennis
track
wrestling



Find the hidden words in the grid. When you are done, the remaining letters will spell out a hidden message.

Cryptogram: match the incorrect letters from the message to their correct counterparts to reveal the quote.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Y X C U G D C B U Y U F Y O H N J G Q C U

P C I C X P T G O H P G B H S B C L L P T G

I C P C D H S B Y E G B , P T G T G H Q N Y U G

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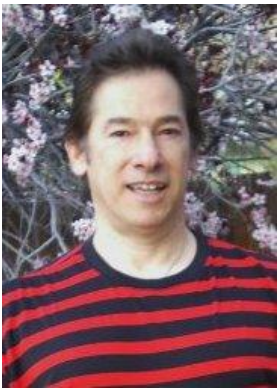
The above quote is from Lyndon Johnson.
It probably wasn't a particularly good day.

Sudoku: each row, column and square must contain one each of the numerals 1 through 9.

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					8		5	9
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		5			4		3	
6				9				



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PROGRAM LISTING

by Richard Arbib

June Monthly Meeting:

Thursday June 14, 6 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m.
Hosts: Bob & Mary McAllister
Location: 350 Old Washoe Circle, Washoe Valley
BBQ and and potluck.
Phone: (775) 849-2269
Guest Speaker Richard Lederer (see page 4)

Directions:

From the intersection of Highways 395 & 431 (Mt. Rose Hwy.) — the traffic light, go South 7.1 miles. down into Washoe Valley on Hwy. 395 (after passing the East Lake turn-off).

When the cement highway divide ends/disappears, make an immediate left turn toward Dry Creek Garden Company.) (Coming from south on Hwy. 395 in Washoe Valley — approximately 100 yards north of the Old 395 Station, turn right into Old Washoe Estates.)

Drive into Old Washoe Estates. At the gate, key in #9467. The neighborhood consists of a traffic circle with four tributary spokes. The traffic circle is called Old Washoe Circle. The south-east spoke is called Wild Life Way. 350 Old Washoe Circle is at the juncture with Wild Life Way.

Two story house — grey with white trim — lots of parking space.

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Lunch Bunch: Fourth Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

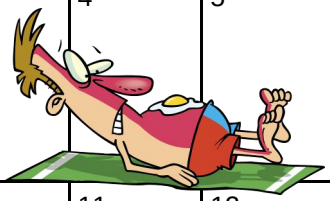
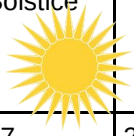
June 26, Anna's Mexican Grill at 9570 S. McCarran Blvd. (corner of 4th St.), Reno. If you have any questions, contact Laura or Don at 826-5904.

Supper Club: Third Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

June 19, Chinese Food, CJ Palace, 129 Los Altos Blvd., Sparks
For more information contact Anne maytheroad@gmail.com.

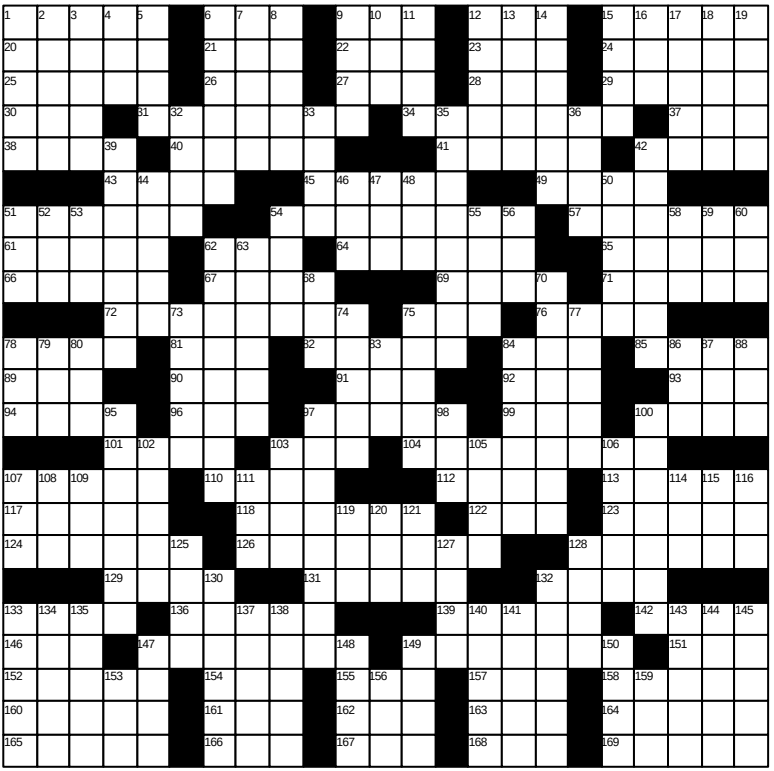
Mensa Admissions Testing July 7, 9 a.m. - noon at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Resort, Expo A on the conference level. $40 and ID required. (Your test fee also entitles you to registration all day Saturday at the AG!)
For more information contact Anne maytheroad@gmail.com.

JUNE 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Game Night at Joe's Place: **Saturday June 2,** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Potluck. 1047 Table Mountain Court, Sparks. Contact: Joe (775) 338-6521 or joe_kisenwether@hotmail.com.					1	2 Game Night at Joe's
3 	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Mensa Meeting & Flag Day	15 We've changed our meeting day this month!	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 Supper Club & Juneteenth	20 Summer Solstice 	21	22	23
24	25	26 Lunch Bunch	27	28	29	30
July 1	July 2	July 3 Scholar-ship Dinner 6:30 p.m.	July 4 AG 2012	July 5 AG 2012	July 6 AG 2012	July 7 AG 2012 & Mensa Testing

You *Can* Get There From Here

by Anna Wright



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ACROSS

1 Parrot
6 Workout targets (abbr.)
9 Pouch
12 Piglet's mom
15 Forehead hair
20 Midwestern capital
21 Afternoon siesta
22 Auto brand
23 Affirmative
24 Post-teen
25 __ Street, New York
26 Stray
27 Infirm
28 Reduced (abbr.)
29 __ Drive, Beverly Hills
30 Smash
31 __ Street, San Francisco
34 __ Avenue, New York
37 Lass
38 Soon
40 Panorama
41 Cadence
42 Interbreeding population within a species
43 Notion
45 With 97-a and 83-d, America's highway
49 Famous fiddler
51 Jobholder
54 Tailor often
57 __ Boulevard, Hollywood
61 __ Avenue, China-town, San Francisco
62 CSI clue
64 Ruling body
65 Hoist
66 Djinn
67 Direction
69 Strike
71 Afloat (2 wds.)
72 Hermit like
75 Vapor
76 Atlas dot often
78 Falsehoods
81 Stereo dial (abbr.)
82 Sources of inspiration
84 __ Lanka
85 Confident
89 Expert
90 Pub potable
91 Box
92 She
93 Gratuity
94 In __
96 Accomplished
97 With 45-a and 83-d, America's highway
99 Marvel
100 Torah table
101 Dregs
103 Liable
104 Cyclic
107 Citrus fruits
110 Juno
112 Treaty org.
113 Green
117 Perspire
118 Charge



122 X-ray dose
123 Where "I drove my Chevy."
124 __ Pass, California
126 Las Vegas Boulevard
128 Arcade "money"
129 Wields
131 Culture of the current doomsday calendar
132 Method of learning
133 Dislodge
136 Birds “thumb”
139 Parade entry
142 Loots
146 Corrida cheer
147 Bestow
149 __ Street, New Orleans
151 Perceive
152 Capital of Ghana
154 Med. test
155 San Diego attraction
157 Taxi
158 __ Highway, Alaska
160 Happen again
161 Little pooch
162 Leather worker's tool
163 Dined
164 Coastline mammals
165 Imbibed
166 "Bond, James Bond"
167 Crimson
168 Position
169 Concur

DOWN

1 Coffee shop order
2 At full speed
3 Long poem division
4 "I get it!"
5 __ Street, New York
6 Blood condition
7 Fence projections
8 Jack __
9 Slide
10 Feel poorly
11 Still
12 Card suit
13 Earth's longest route?
14 Aggravate
15 Cowshed
16 Hoopla
17 Poke
18 Shine
19 Swiped
32 Above
33 Uncommon
35 (Avenue of the)__ , NYC
36 Assay targets
39 Cowards
42 Gives
44 Restrain
46 Paddle
47 Employ
48 Pull
50 Agrarian
51 Chick holder
52 Be
53 Bolted
54 Fore, main, or mizzen
55 Flightless birds
56 Ump
58 Bro.'s sibling
59 Vane direction
60 Oolong
62 Destroy
63 Arrested
68 Tiny __
70 Tinder
73 Dodge
74 Genesis measurement
75 Guys
77 Signal
78 Scale notes
79 Frosty
80 Nevis or Lomond, Scotland
83 With 45-a and 97-a, America's highway
84 California mount
86 Shoshonean
87 Flange
88 Government agcy.
95 Neaten (2 wds.)
97 One who travels 13-d
98 Japanese money
100 __Street, Greenwich Village
102 Park, Colorado
103 Flex
105 Senior org.
106 Distribute
107 Acid
108 __ Jima
109 Males
111 Devour
114 Intersection abbr.
115 Bog
116 Aye
119 "From sea to shining sea."
120 Pigpen
121 Historical period
125 Parent
127 The "low-down"
128 He's not in Kansas anymore.
130 Rests
132 Groove
133 __ walk, Atlantic City
134 Stomach malady
135 Islam's holy city
137 Expend (2 wds.)
138 Tall
140 "Star Wars" creator
141 Talk
143 Award
144 __ Street, Memphis
145 Perceive
147 __ Place, Atlantic City
148 Tyrant
149 Daring
150 Employer of some 97-d
153 Jog
156 In debt
159 Limb

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A Space Nerd Speaks – June 2012

by Ken Wright





"Supermoon over the Stillwater Mountains" May 5, 2012

Our editor says that I must be scary brief, so here it is:
In the skies for June:

- June 4 — Full Moon. The Moon will be directly opposite the Earth from the Sun and will be fully illuminated as seen from Earth. This phase occurs at 11:12 UTC (04:12 PDT).
- June 4 — Partial Lunar Eclipse. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of Asia, Australia, the Pacific Ocean, and the Americas. (NASA Map and Eclipse Information)
- June 5, 6 — Transit of Venus Across the Sun. This extremely rare event will be entirely visible throughout most of eastern Asia, eastern Australia, and Alaska. A partial transit can be seen in progress at sunrise throughout Europe, western Asia, and eastern Africa. A partial transit can be seen in progress at sunset throughout most of North America, Central America, and western South America. The next transit will not take place until the year 2117. (NASA Transit Information | NASA Transit Map)
- June 19 — New Moon. The Moon will be directly between the Earth and the Sun and will not be visible from Earth. This phase occurs at 15:02 UTC (08:02 PDT).
- June 20 — June Solstice. The June solstice occurs at 23:09 UTC (16:09 PDT). The North Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun, which will have reached its northernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Cancer at 23.44 degrees north latitude. This is the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the northern hemisphere and the first day of winter (winter solstice) in the southern hemisphere.

The mission of choice for this month is JUNO
http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/missions/details.cfm?id=5888 ■

NOTES FROM YOUR EXCOMM

May 12, 2012

Present: LocSec: Bob McAllister, 1st Vice-Secretary: Ken Wright, 2nd Vice-Secretary: Gerald Lockhart, *Neva-Mind* Editor: Anna Wright.

5:15 p.m. Before the regular meeting, a quick conference of the NNM ExComm was held. The suggestion was made to pay for the admission of those Mensans and guests in attendance at the National Automobile Museum tour with Northern Nevada Mensa funds. Motion: McAllister. Second: Lockhart. Unanimous approval.

Regular ExComm meeting convened at 7:15 p.m. at Siena's Riverside Coffee Shop — after regular local group monthly meeting.

Wright, A.: Presentation regarding creation of, operation, and funding Northern Nevada Mensa Scholarship Fund (NNMSF). Items of proposal broken down into sections for vote and handling.

1. Create a separate bank account for Northern Nevada Mensa Scholarship Fund. Motion: Wright, A. Second: McAllister. Unanimous approval.
2. Develop and initiate plan for maintaining NNMSF utilizing operational plans based upon known successful existing scholarship programs (ie: Oregon Mensa.) Motion: Wright, K. Second: Lockhart. Unanimous approval.
3. Provide funding of $1,000 to purchase goods and services specific to NNMSF activities, (T-shirts, printing, other items for sale or auction to raise money.) Said seed money to be returned to NNM general funds as NNMSF receives sufficient income to repay, or vote by governing body declares funds to be gifted to NNMSF. Motion: Wright, A. Second: McAllister. Unanimous approval.
4. Northern Nevada Mensa ExComm shall be Northern Nevada Mensa Scholarship Committee until such time as they are replaced by a free standing NNMSF Committee. Northern Nevada Mensa ExComm shall remain as the financial oversight committee even after replaced. Motion: Wright, A. Second: McAllister. Unanimous approval.

Wright, A. volunteered to Chair NNMSF committee. Motion to accept: Lockhart. Second: McAllister. Unanimous approval.

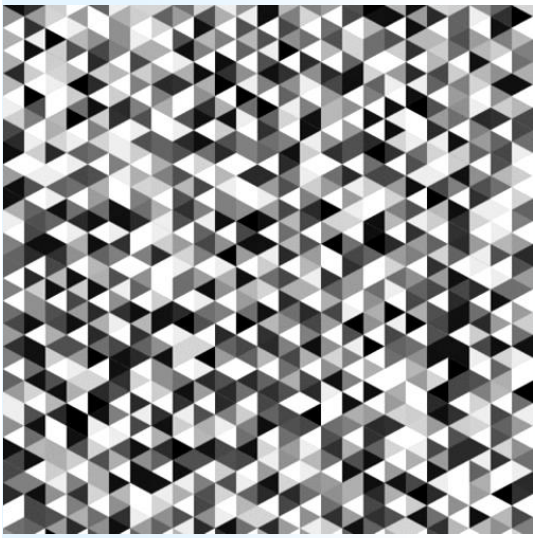
Wright, A.: Request for reimbursement for $30 provided from personal funds to secure a table in Mensa Marketplace for two days from which to sell NNMSF merchandise. Motion to approve: McAllister. Second: Lockhart. Unanimous approval.

Lockhart: Motion to adjourn. Second: Wright, A. Unanimous approval 7:50 p.m.

K. Wright

MENSA FOR KIDS!

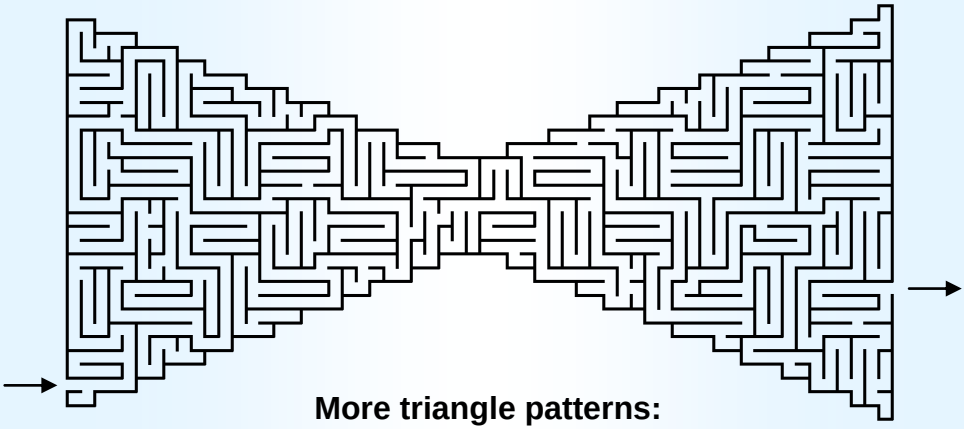
(and kids at heart) by Maurice Pollack and Anna Wright





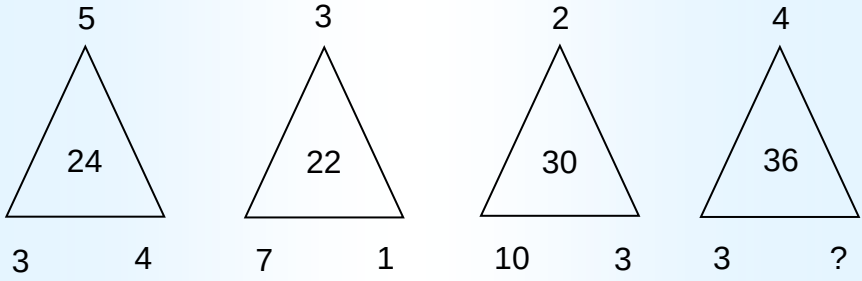
Triangle Problem:

This is not a problem involving counting all of the triangles. The problem here is to determine how many different sized triangles there are in the diagram. Geronimo Jones has a lazy answer, “There are at least three different sized triangles.” What do you think?



More triangle patterns:

What number should replace the ? in the last triangle?



Answers page 22



Science is cool!

If you could really see Earth's currents from space, what would they look like? Here's an animation video from NASA: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEe1bVjORN4&feature=player_embedded

And, here's another question. Why does the Earth orbit the sun? http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=uhS8K4gFu4s

It's all about size and scale. See for yourself.
http://htwins.net/scale2/scale2.swf?bordercolor=white
Link thanks to Bob McAllister



Do you have a young reader at your house? PBS has a book reader who will read a story to you as you read it yourself. It's called "Between the Lions." and they have some great stories:
http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/imagination.html
Thanks to Anne Stewart for this link.





Do you Haiku?

Judges have selected the winners in the Young Mensan Haiku Poetry Contest. The grand prize winner is 15-year-old Dylan H. of North Texas Mensa, who will receive a copy of *The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis* autographed for this contest by Caroline Kennedy. The winner in the under-10 category is 7-year-old Kalee H. of Triad Mensa. Kalee receives a copy of *Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku* donated for the contest by Henry Holt and Company, LLC, publishers. All of the poems were published in the May issue of *FRED: The Magazine for Young Mensans*. Here are the winning poems:

Grand Prize:

He has departed
Like a summer firefly;
I wait by the door.

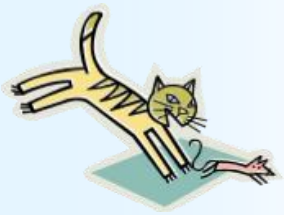
Under-10 Category:

Soda-pop Senses

Pop, Pop, and fizzle
Bubbles tickle eyes and nose
Clink drops the ice cube

Mice

by Anne Stewart



Hickory, dickory, dap
The mouse won't snap the trap.
Although he is young,
He sticks out his tongue,
And goes back home to nap.



Bibbitty, bobbitty, boo
The mouse just giggled, and jiggled
and wiggled.
He then with his spouse,
Went back to his house
Therein to bill and to coo.





The seed is for birds
But the mouse hadn't heard
that, so he stuffed his face
And went back to his place
And stuffed his pockets, too.

Yes I have a cat, whose
Job is to catch mice,
Not snooze.



Well, maybe tomorrow!



FROM THE RVC

by Debra Reiger

I hope you are all looking forward, as I am, to the 2012 AG in Reno, Nevada. The End of Time AG looks like a great event for everyone. There will be an excellent children's program, exciting tours and speakers, games (of course!), and some wonderful and amazing entertainment. If you read this on time to sign up and go, please do so! By the way, if you have an interest in any of the following diverse topics, there is sure to be fun stuff for you at this AG: steampunk, taiko (drums), burlesque, Mark Twain, planetariums (planetaria?), end-of-the-world prophesies, Burning Man, and lots more eclectic stuff. And lots of the regular stuff too, including Leadership Development workshops, and five international leadership speakers.

Very recently I attended a Life Member celebration with Redwood Empire Mensa. It turns out that about 20% of that group's members hold Mensa Life Memberships. LocSec Walt Bodley had the excellent idea of honoring these members with a party. What a wonderful event! At least one of the honorees drove four hours to get there. I enjoyed this event and was pleased to participate. Way to go, Redwood Empire Mensa!

The Oregon Mensa RG was held in Portland in early May. It was great fun, with good company and delicious food. I think the new venue worked out well.

We have had some unexpected mid-term turnover in the leadership of three of Region 8's local groups during the past six months or so. Many thanks to those who stepped up to keep things running smoothly! In helping resolve these situations, I was reminded of the importance of having up-to-date bylaws and procedures, but more than that I am reminded of how much our members care about Mensa, and I continue to be impressed by the willingness of people to pick up the pieces and help when needed. You know who you are. Thank you.

It is a real pleasure to represent Region 8 on the AMC. Thanks for your involvement and support.



Regards,
Debra Reiger,
Regional Vice Chair,
Pacific Intermountain Region (8)

Mensa for Kids!

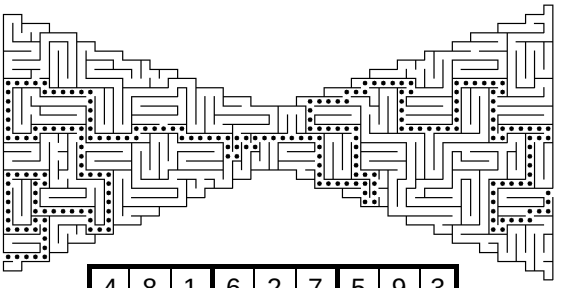
Triangle problem — answer number two

Many years ago, Geronimo read about a primitive tribe of people whose number-counting concepts were limited to the four terms “1,” “2,” “3” and “many.” Geronimo does not know if this is a true story or not. But these ideas are relevant to this triangle counting problem. As you can see by looking closely at the edges of the picture, this large group of triangles is just a portion of a much, much larger set of triangles that go on “forever.” No matter how large a triangle you find, there is always a larger triangle that exists. So, there is no number that describes how many triangles there are of any given type. Mathematicians have named this lack of a specific number as “infinity.” And, that is how many triangles there are in the larger extension of the figure printed.

More triangle patterns:

11. The number in the center of each triangle is the sum of the corners multiplied by 2.





4	8	1	6	2	7	5	9	3
5	6	2	9	8	3	4	1	7
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9	1	4	5	3	6	7	2	8
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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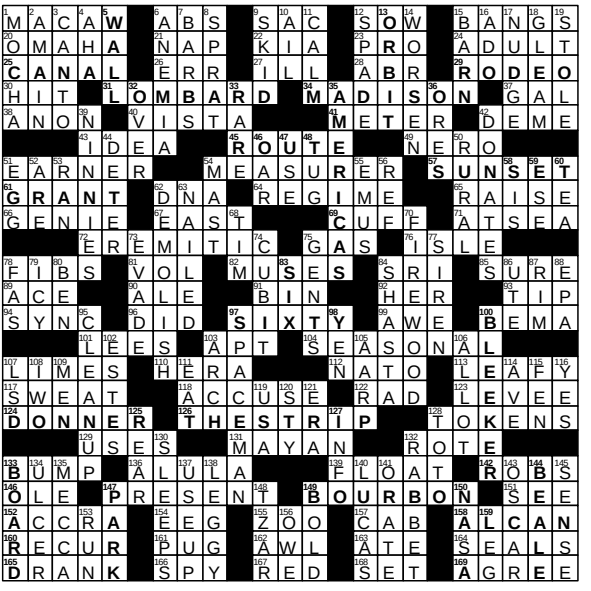
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Mensa-Speak *What are we saying?*	
AG	Annual Gathering (Conference)
AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
AML	American Mensa Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ExComm	Executive Committee (Local Elected Officers)
LDW	Leadership 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)

The **Olympics Hidden Message** is the first sentence of the Olympic Athlete's Creed: "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle."



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