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Who needs a hobby
like tennis or philately?
I'VE got a hobby...
rereading *Lady Chatterly*.

— 1965, "Smut" from *That Was the Week That Was*, Tom Lehrer



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This month's cover quote thanks to Anne Stewart.

EDITOR

From the Editor *by Anna Wright*



Editor Wanted!

At least temporarily for the July edition. The 2012 Annual Gathering (national conference — chaired by my husband Ken) will be taking up all of my time and energy. I won't be able to produce a July issue without your help. Would you like to be a guest editor?

Here's what you'll need:

- Email availability to receive the submissions and send the proof readers copies.
- A computer program that will allow you to organize text and graphics.
- The ability to export your work as a .pdf file.
- Ability to meet the needed deadline. (June 20)

Contact me at editor@northernnevada.us.mensa.org; I could really use some help. Otherwise, there will be NO JULY ISSUE?

Thanks!!!!!

PS: The cover shot is of an osprey that I was lucky enough to capture a couple of weeks ago on an outing to Lahontan Reservoir.

Get a head start on the fun before the AG!

Join us Tuesday, July 3 — 6:30 p.m.
Silver Legacy, Silver Baron A

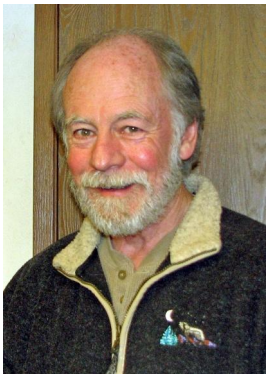
Early Bird Banquet and Auction*

to benefit Northern Nevada Mensa scholarship fund.
$35. ★ Advance registration required. ★ Limited seating.

Register now:
http://northernnevada.us.mensa.org/

*Items needed for auction.
Contact Anna Wright or Anne Stewart.

LocSec



From the LocSec *by Bob McAllister*

Aphorisms and the Like

I have experienced some somber stuff of late and am in sort of a serious mood.

Forgive me if I come across as being preachy, again.

We call our selves a Western-European culture. This comes from at least as far back as classical Greece.

We have roots that go far back.

A large part of those roots have been archived in a format known as fables (denigrated today as anecdotal).

Aesop's Fables come to mind in that vein. There are many others. They generally have titles that seem as applicable to today's problems as they were when first devised.

- "Killing the goose that lays the golden egg." (We seem willing to do that with aplomb.)
- "The Emperor's New Clothes." (Don't point any fingers at the obvious.)
- "Chicken Little." (You maybe should panic at our imminent demise.)

Seneca once said "Enjoy your pleasures so that there may be a tomorrow." In other words, "Don't forsake the future for the moment." There is really only now. Yesterday can never be revisited in reality. Tomorrow has yet to come and, so, doesn't yet exist. Therefore we should take care of now. Not a bad idea, as far as it goes. And it's also not a bad idea to expect still to be here tomorrow.

"Don't eat the sow grain," used to be good advice to earlier farming societies.

Robert Heinlein wrote a story ("The Moon is a Harsh Mistress") in 1967. As many science fiction writers have done, he created a setting in the future that had many things that never came to pass. By the same token, we now have many things not imagined then. The point of his story wasn't so much to portray a place in the future as its purpose was to point out a social ill. And he coined an acronym, "TANSTAAFL." The acronym, in turn, inspired the economist, Milton Friedman to use it as a title of one of his books. It stands for "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch."

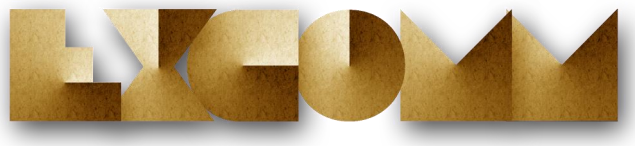
It seems to be a contemporary indulgence and those who devour their "free lunch" may not be here to pay the piper. Someone else will still have to pay.

Then there's the issue of equality. Its interpretation used to be that everyone

had equal opportunity to do what they wish with their lives. Now it seems often to be an attempt to drag everyone down to the lowest common denominator. Egalitarianism. I recently read that an embarrassingly large percentage of middle school youths no longer know how to tie shoelaces.

Another science fiction writer, Ray Bradbury, once pointed out that successful attempts to undo a culture used to be burning of books. That is often successfully accomplished now merely by preventing people from reading. Television pretty much does people's thinking for them, for example.

We have a common denominator in Mensa, but our ranks can't be diluted. It's our qualifier. We all pretty much enjoy reading and appreciate knowledge. So it seems that perhaps we be can likened to custodians of that which is stored in today's computers. ■



Notes from Your ExComm

- The meeting convened at 5:43p.m. at Bangkok Cuisine prior to regular local group monthly meeting.
- Present were: Ken Wright, 1st Vice-Secretary; Gerald Lockhart, 2nd Vice-Secretary; and Anna Wright, *Neva-Mind* Editor.
- Lockhart: Discussion regarding creating a group outing for viewing of solar eclipse on 5/20/12
- Wright, A :Motion: Pursue, create and advertise the Solar Eclipse viewing activity. Second: Lockhart. Unanimous approval.
- Assignments: Locate suitable viewing place with access, parking and unobstructed view all. Determine best viewing time.

  http://www.eclipsereno.unr.edu/ 01:30 UT (18:28 -18:33 P.D.T.)
- Advertise event: Wright, A. Discussion regarding local member sign up and participation in Early Arrivals Dinner and scholarship auction on 7/3/12. Decision to repeat information to general meeting attendees by Wright, A. Also contact Anna if you have an item to donate for the scholarship auction.
- Lockhart: Motion to adjourn. Second: Wright, A. Unanimous 5:50 p.m.

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- Post regular ExComm meeting business: Impromptu motion by Preisach, C. (Treasurer) to have NNM pay for meal of speaker. Second: Wright, K. Unanimous approval. Payment made with NNM credit card by Treasurer.

K. Wright.

Talk. Listen. Debate. Learn. Play.
2012. The End of Time AG.

This is the BEST time to be a Northern Nevada Mensan! The premiere event of our organization — the 2012 Annual Gathering — will be here in OUR back yard — July 4-8!

Five years in the making (really!), this AG offers extraordinary opportunities. Where else could you get access to more than 300 speakers, 24-hour activities and entertainment, games – and, yes free food – all for just over $100?

Here's your chance to meet up with more than 2,000 Mensans from all over the world. And it's a great excuse to check out some of the local attractions you've been meaning to see!

Register now on line:

http://www.ag2012.us.mensa.org/

$105 by June 15
$120 after June 15
(day rates and kids rates also available)

Also available as add-ons:
Friday Awards Luncheon, Saturday night banquet, and Sunday breakfast. Purchase separately or as a package.

Hospitality? We've got it!

Have a ball… in the Reno Ballroom!
That's right! We have a whole building devoted to fun, food and hospitality 24 hours a day. Non-stop food and yummy mealtime buffets. Beer and wine served from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. And you'll find…
♠ Games ♦ Tournaments ♣ Mensa Market Place ♠ Fox Imaging

Special deals for Mensans!
Fleischmann Planetarium, Reno Aces Ball Park, Nevada Museum of Art, Nevada Discovery Museum and the National Automobile Museum and others are offering discounts for conference-goers. The Sierra Spirit bus offers free transportation around downtown Reno.

We've chartered a whole train!

216 seats — just for Mensa!

We are making history with this Steampunk/Old West tour from Carson City up through the historic Comstock Lode mining country to Virginia City. Dress in your Steampunk, Victorian, Wild West (or whatever) finery! Our tour includes MacAvoy Layne as Mark Twain, "The Bard of the Comstock." He'll be on the train and and lead the tour through VC, telling you things that you would never learn any other way. Also joining us is accomplished singer, songwriter, cellist, and steampunk icon, Unwoman...aka Erica Mulkey!

Tuesday July 3, 2012 - Mensa on Steam!

Cost: $65 Advance registration required.

(Includes round-trip transportation.)

http://www.ag2012.us.mensa.org/

(click on tours)

New in Reno:

The Debate Room

We've set up a special venue for debaters and spectators. Each debate will last about an hour and there are a lot of topics scheduled. Here's how it works: find a topic you're interested in. Take a seat at the table to talk, or just listen in from the audience. Check out the topics on the Mensa website!

Come to the Reno AG and find out!

Volunteers needed for the End of Time AG

Greetings Northern Nevada Mensan friends,



There will be a lot of volunteer hours to fill at the AG and our local crew will be especially suited to certain areas more so than out of town folks.

A partial list follows:

- A crew of physically able folks with trucks (if possible) to move the supplies and furniture from storage on 4th St. to the hotels. (7/2, 7/3 and possibly 7/4)

- We will need people to staff the Information table to help people find their way around the buildings and the city, and answer questions.

- Speaker shepherds to guide presenters to their speaking rooms, and stay for the lecture to maintain control of the room and get assistance where needed. This is a really cool assignment as you get to meet the various experts on topics that you want to hear about. Being local and knowing the hotels is a definite "home field advantage."

- A couple of people for Security, which will be more "walking information" than busting heads.

- If you just don't know, or can't commit before the AG, there will be an onsite Volunteer Coordinator who will be at Registration and you can just present yourself to her and tell her that you are willing to volunteer.

The entire AG, (and Mensa) runs on volunteer power. Join the crew and have more fun than anyone else attending this party!



See y'all there,
Ken



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

and Welcome back!

Virginia Northridge, Reno
Rachael Pruyne, Reno
Jo Sherwood, Spring Creek
Albert Morch Jr., South Lake Tahoe





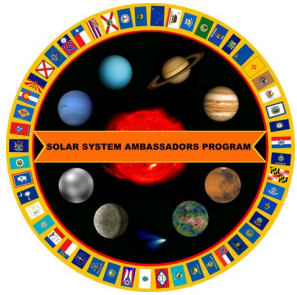
May



5	**Mary Weber**	Reno
20	**Ellen Hendricks**	Reno
23	**Howard Beckerman**	Incline Village
23	**Karin Dixson**	Reno
24	**Frank Baird Jr.**	Reno
27	**Constance Black**	Carson City
28	**Julie Kriss**	Reno
29	**Jo Sherwood**	Spring Creek

A Space Nerd Speaks

by Ken Wright



Every day brings the opportunity to learn new things about space and the wide open frontier of exploration and jobs related to reaching for the stars. Even if you aren't a "Space Nerd," I will suggest you do two things to enrich your knowledge and understanding; follow Neil deGrasse Tyson on Twitter @neiltyson and check out the links that he provides on a regular basis. You can not fail to be entertained.

The other is to actually check out the links that I will provide on this page. There are cool things to see and learn and it doesn't cost you a penny to do it.

To find out about the Solar System Ambassador volunteer program check out this link: http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/

In the skies for May:

- **May 5, 6** - Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower. The Eta Aquarids are a light shower, usually producing about 10 meteors per hour at their peak. The shower's peak usually occurs on May 5 and 6, however viewing should be good on any morning from May 4 - 7. The full moon will probably ruin the show this year, washing out all but the brightest meteors with its glare. The radiant point for this shower will be in the constellation Aquarius. Best viewing is usually to the east after midnight, far from city lights.
- **May 6** - 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 8:35 p.m. P.D.T. The Moon will be at its closest point to the Earth, so this will be the largest full moon of the year.
- **May 20** - New Moon. The Moon will be directly between the Earth and the Sun and will not be visible from Earth. This phase occurs at 4:47 p.m. P.D.T.
- **May 20** - Annular Solar Eclipse. The path of annularity will begin in southern China and move east through Japan, the northern Pacific Ocean, and into the western United States. A partial eclipse will be visible throughout parts of eastern Asia and most of North America.
  (NASA Map and Eclipse Information)

Our featured mission this month is ultra cool:

Mars Science Laboratory/Curiosity

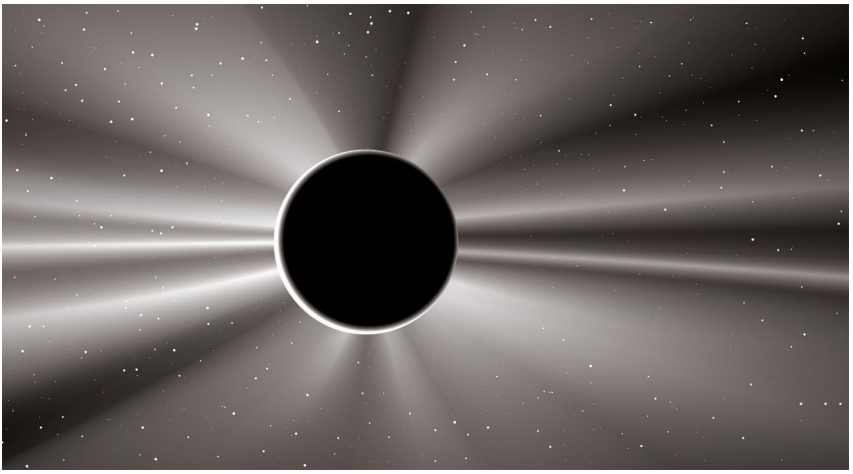
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Launched on November 26, 2011 Curiosity is speeding on its way to the Red Planet with a scheduled arrival date of August 6, 2012.

Check out these amazing images and details of the greatest rover ever built: http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/multimedia/gallery.cfm?Category=Spacecraft&Mission=MarsSciLab&ImageOf=1

You can poke around on the site that these links will take you to and learn amazing details about a mission that should captivate both the Buck Rogers adventurer, and the scientist in all of us. I find it incredible that we will be able to place a mobile science lab on a place so far away, and then communicate with it in a completely usable time frame and conduct experiments. We are witnessing science fiction becoming science before our very eyes!

Let's go friends, **"Second star to the right, and straight on till morning."** ■



May 20: Join us as we view the solar eclipse!

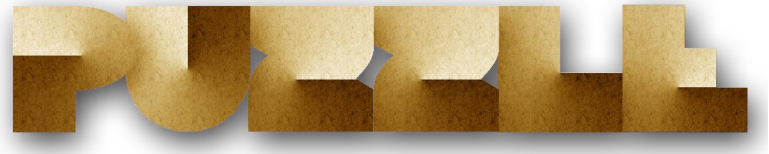
FREE! Solar Eclipse event

- **When:** Sunday, May 20, 2012, from 5 - 7 p.m. (maximum eclipse, 6:28-6:33 p.m.)
- **Where:** MacLean Observatory on the Redfield Campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, 18600 Wedge Parkway in southwest Reno
- **Who:** The community is invited! The event is free and hosted by Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center, in partnership with the Astronomical Society of Nevada (ASN), the Nevada Historical Society, and KNPB Channel 5.

Bring a picnic dinner if you wish; no food and beverages are available on site. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on campus. (Viewing glasses are available for $2 at the Fleischmann Planetarium.)

http://www.eclipsereno.unr.edu/

http://www.astronomynv.org/



Puzzle Page *by Travis McCord*

If you've been reading my stuff you know some of my hobbies already—the geek trifecta: video games, cartoons, and web-surfing. Well, as it turns out I also play role-playing games.

Role-playing games (RPGs) are games in which the players take up the roles of characters in a fantasy world who go on "adventures" — the archetypical RPG is Dungeons and Dragons, where the characters fight fantastic monsters and loot dungeons. But of course, the basic formula can be applied to a variety of situations. There are science fiction RPGs, modern-era RPGs — and *most* of the RPGs described below.

This list is a mix of real published role-playing games and fakes I dreamed up. Can you spot the ringers?

1. ***Albedo***. In the far future, an interstellar society has to deal with an interstellar war as a neighboring empire attacks one of their planets, killing soldier and civilian alike as they attempt a campaign of conquest. The unusual part is that this is a “furry” game — the characters are all anthropomorphic animal characters of various species. (The bad guys are an empire of rabbits trying to expand due to population pressure.) Based on a comic series starring a catgirl (imagine a person-sized Manx cat that walks on two legs and occasionally shoots things) who becomes a starship captain despite sexist superiors and command keeping secrets, with help from an interplanetary computer network.
2. ***Cartoon Action Hour***. Re-live the great cartoons of the 1980s with this ruleset! Includes character creation rules emphasizing the heroic aspects of shows like He-Man and a game structure designed to mimic the half-hour cartoon format.
3. ***Cop Show***. The title says it all — players play cops in a very fictionalized version of Chicago trying to survive, do their jobs, and maybe even uphold the law. Definitely emphasized the TV-show style — real cops criticized it for being ridiculously unrealistic.
4. ***Da Hood***. Written and published back in the 1980s when people believed the street gangs were going to take over cities, this game lets you play a gang member trying to get street cred, make money, and defend your turf. Not very well received, the second edition caused quite some controversy by including “Pimping Rules,” including the “backhanding” skill, using swats to fight and/or discipline your ... subordinates.
5. ***Dallas***. Believe it or not, the first RPG based on a licensed property wasn't Star Trek or Buck Rogers or even a cop show, it was this, based on the prime-time soap opera. The players take the role of one of the characters from the show and... well, do I even need to continue? It's *Dallas.* You try to screw each other, the most ruthless bastard wins.

6. ***Don't Rest Your Head***. Insomniacs rejoice — turns out that if you don't sleep for long enough you get super powers! Unfortunately you need them, because the city turns into a nightmarish place at night, with bizarre creatures such as pin-heads (who have a gigantic pushpin for a head and try to stab you) and news-boys (made of living newspaper who try to bury you). Be very careful if you're in the city when the clock strikes thirteen…
7. ***Fiasco***. An RPG basically based on Coen Brothers films (*Blood Simple*, *Fargo*, *The Big Lebowski*, et cetera), the players play people with desperate needs and poor impulse control who go through some bad situations trying to get what they want, and very rarely succeed, almost never unscathed. Includes several setups, including a Nice Southern Town, a sleepy suburb, McMurdo Station in Antarctica…
8. ***In His Head***. Rather than play a whole person, the players play various aspects of the personality of an office drone as he tries to get through the day. Characters included, basically, the libido, the rational center, the “sweet side,” and so on. The players won if the person they're in did well — at life, in work, or in love, depending on the scenario.
9. ***Monsters and Other Childish Things***. Grade-school children deal with alien teachers, government agents, and each other with help from their "imaginary friends" — Lovecraftian monsters that love and fight for their kids despite complicating their lives and are adept at hiding from adults.
10. ***Spaceship Zero***. The crew of the Spaceship Zero became the sole survivors of humanity after accidentally discovering that firing up their stardrive basically reboots the universe. Based on the radio series and later television series — watch for the motion picture coming soon!
11. ***Starchildren***. In the future, when America has fallen sway to a dictatorial regime that seeks control over all aspects of life, aliens arrive, attracted by the greatness of our past, and attempt to blend in. Oh yeah — the thing that attracted them was Glam Rock. They mostly resemble early-career David Bowie, and are trying to help us play secret gigs in underground clubs one step ahead of the Ministry of Music, who are trying to maintain control by making sure all music that is played is the bland, nice stuff they've approved.
12. ***Teenagers From Outer Space***. Aliens have arrived, and they're in our schools! Fortunately they like the place, because the Earth is the premier (really the only) source of "youth culture" in the entire galaxy, so the space kids mainly buy our CDs, watch our TV shows, and try to turn their saucers into space hot rods. You can play an alien (ranging from near-human to fuzzy blobs) or a human — the main advantage of the latter is that, since this is our home and not theirs, the aliens will believe anything you tell them about Earth.
13. ***Toon***. If you're more into old-school cartoons, this game is all about those, with an emphasis on wacky Looney Tunes style action. You'll be happy to hear characters don't die; they just get “bonked” and have to sit out the game for three minutes. Includes rules for anvil dropping. ■

Answers on page 26



PROGRAM

by Richard Arbib

May Monthly Meeting:

National Auto Museum Tour & Dinner at Siena

Saturday, May 12.

We'll meet at the National Auto Museum at **5:15 p.m. sharp**. A one-hour private tour for our Mensa group goes from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cost for the tour is $15. The museum closes to the public at 5:30 p.m., which is why we must meet inside at 5:15 p.m. The museum has over 200 cars on exhibit. At 6:30 p.m. we'll leave the museum and walk across the street to the Siena to eat dinner at The River View Cafe.

For more information contact Richard at Calendar@northernnevada.us.mensa.org.



Auto Age magazine, February 1953. Cover illustrations of Packard Pan American, designed by my father (also Richard Arbib). Several years ago I loaned this magazine and original artwork to the museum for their Packard exhibit.

Lunch Bunch: Tuesday, May 22, at 11:45 a.m.
Zagol Ethiopian Restaurant at 855 E. 4th St., Reno
If you have any questions, contact Laura or Don at 826-5904.

Supper Club: Tuesday May 15, at 6 p.m.
Pizza and Trivia Night, Round Table Pizza, 801 W. 4th St., Reno
For more information contact Anne maytheroad@gmail.com.

 Solar Eclipse Outing: Sunday May 20 see details on page 11.

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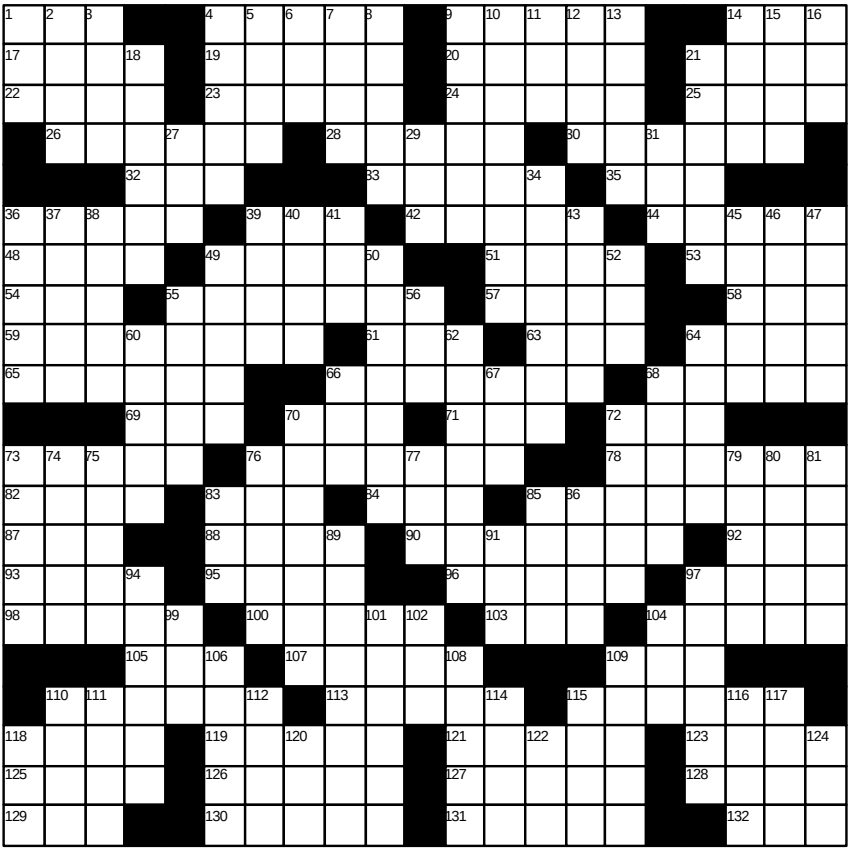
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 May Day	2	3	4	**5** **Game Night at Joe's** & Cinco de Mayo
6	7	8	9	10	11	**12** **Mensa Meeting (Tour)**
13 Mother's Day	14	**15** **Supper Club**	16	17	18	19
20 **Solar Eclipse Outing**	21	**22** **Lunch Bunch**	23	24	25	26
27 Shavou'ot	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	June 1	**June 2** **Game Night at Joe's**

Game Night at Joe's Place:
Saturday, May 5,4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Potluck. 1047 Table Mountain Court, Sparks.
Contact: Joe (775) 338-6521
or joe_kisenwether@hotmail.com.



What Might Interest You?

by Anna Wright



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ACROSS

1 Hertz
4 One-celled animal
9 Bonded

14 Herpetologist

17 Long time
19 Pitted mushroom
20 Hot crime
21 Collect leaves
22 Prefix for half
23 Flock sound
24 Anti-flatulence product

25 Diva

26 Sucrologist (with 49-a)

28 Santa __ (Columbus' ship)

30 Philatelist

32 That woman
33 Gargle
35 Title for Paul or Elton
36 Briny
39 Limb
42 In tennis, a tied score of 40 each
44 Principled
48 Aces

49 Sucrologist (with 26-a)

51 Ancient character

53 Carpenter

54 Self
55 Laughed
57 Chow
58 MD

59 Cosplayer

61 Ocean
63 Winter mo.

64 Trekkie

65 Fire starter

66 Anglophile

68 Numismatist
69 Lodge
70 Bro.'s sibling
71 Sculler
72 Expression of surprise
73 Mist
76 Lotologist
78 Astronomer
82 Bucket
83 Tree
84 __ Francisco
85 Traceur (parkour)
87 Part of L.L.C. (abbr.)
88 Gumbo veggie
90 Social Security recipient
92 Ump
93 Chilled
95 Tack
96 Cafes
97 Spelunker
98 Strum
100 Coffee shop order
103 Leer
104 Origami artist
105 Scrap
107 Happen again
109 Lapidary
110 Conchologist
113 Beat it!
115 Oenophile
118 Puts down
119 Having wings
121 Handed out
123 Stray
125 Aborts
126 Shop
127 Homer history
128 Nimbus
129 Poem
130 Gifted
131 Strangely
132 Explosive

DOWN

1 Scoundrel
2 Chirping sound
3 Cube puzzle
4 Geologist
5 Cast off
6 Before
7 Glow
8 Aisle destination
9 ___ Women, Roman Captured
10 Geocacher
11 Has blue, red, and white flag
12 Prison inmates
13 Macramé artist
14 Org. for 90-a
15 Winter gliders
16 Pod vegetable
18 Zilch (German)
21 Gun packing tool
27 Legend
29 Free of
31 Aspire
34 Member of O.A.S.
36 Glasses
37 Secret language
38 Wobbly
39 Sled
40 Oologist
41 Girl
43 Enroll
45 Half diameters
46 Decorate
47 Cracker
49 Garfunkel's ex
50 Balks
52 Keyboard key
55 Nickname used for some Marine E-7s
56 Lair
60 Experiment
62 Graced
64 Marsupial
66 Cleverness
67 Utter
68 Slide
70 More rueful
72 Niches
73 Cleft
74 Scutelliphile
75 Contract addendum
76 Pleased with
77 Cob
79 Junk
80 Pain reliever brand
81 Allude to
83 Pro
85 Greasy
86 Soft cheese
89 Genealogist
91 Casual clothing item
94 Coercion
97 Planker
99 Bad (prefix)
101 Emphasize
102 Pelt
104 Calligrapher
106 Pane
108 Ham
109 Dizzy
110 Arenophile
111 Half of R.L. Stevenson title duo
112 Bang down
114 Mildew
115 Welt
116 Defeat
117 Knitter
118 Astrologist
120 Wing
122 Top
124 Rug

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Hobbies, Hobbies, Hobbies…

What do you do for fun?

Connecting with other Mensans who share your interests is as easy as accessing your computer. Call up the Mensa home page http://www.us.mensa.org and then click on the menu "Connect." You have more than one choice. Choose "Member Directory" and search by yourself or go further and choose "Meet-A-Member." Easy! Just follow the prompts.

Well, I dunno' if they're hobbies per se: I volunteer A LOT. I swim a few times a week. Very rarely I like to enter contests/ sweepstakes (mostly I like sending letters, keeps the post office in operation).

— M.H.

Reading (of course...), gardening, hiking/ exercising, movies, cooking/entertaining. Oops, forgot my most favorite: travel — B.D.

Photography, vegetable gardening, reading fiction.

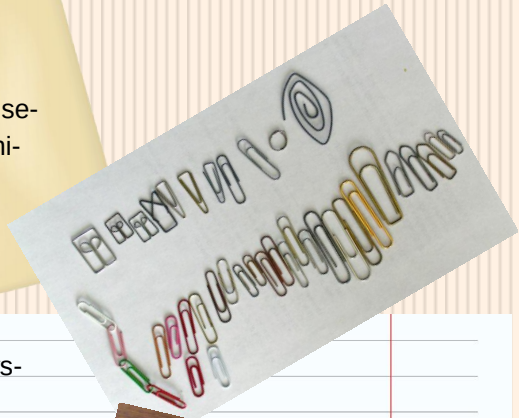
— W.K.

I like *Jeopardy*, *Millionaire*, & *News.* Funny movies, Hist. channel, *Nova*, *Nat. Geo*, Discovery, *Mythbusters,* etc. I write down unusual personalized license plates (I gave you a list… will you print some?). Exploratory road trips, outdoors, sunshine, beaches, mountains, etc.etc. And, of course, I also enjoy attending the MMMM's (Mandatory Monthly Mensa Meetings). — G.L.

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Stained glass, gardening / house-plants, reading, refinishing furniture, and precious metal clay (jewelry-making).

— S.W.





In the 1970s I was a systems analyst, at Lockheed-California Co., in the technical sales department. I was developing computer programs to be used by the airline analysts to market the L-1011 TriStar aircraft. The L-1011 was the direct competitor with the DC-10 made by Douglas Aircraft.

Selling aircraft has some similarities with selling automobiles — the customer is interested in: purchase cost, fuel economy, cost of spare parts, etc. But there are distinct differences — aircraft range, seating capacity, and most importantly on which routes would the new aircraft be used. Are the routes non-stop, one-stop? And which aircraft should the airline get rid of.

These studies are known as “fleet planning.” This specialty is not taught at any university, and is the job of perhaps only a few hundred analysts in the whole world. So, I began to meet these specialists, and started corresponding with them, as to what methods they used in these studies.

I would receive copies of memos, hand-written notes, drafts of reports; many would have paper clips to hold them together. I started to save the paper clips, as they would differ in design, from the various countries of the airline headquarters.

Maurice Pollack

Writing, photography, travel, old murder mystery/detective movies, collecting (too many categories to list), learning new things.

— K.W.

Bob and I love to bird watch in our own back yard here in Washoe Valley. Washoe Lake is a bird sanctuary and a migratory path for many unusual and amazing birds!

— R.&M. M.

Sheep herding, flyball (another dog sport), and cooking!

— A.-M. C.

Listening to music, photography, cooking, Ham Radio, playing with the computer, tinkering with things electronic, astronomy, travel, reading, watching old movies, the list goes on. Since I now have a greenhouse, that goes on the list.

— M.P.

Well, of course my most important hobby is my writing. But besides my writing, my other hobbies are mostly athletic activities such as riding my bicycle, exercising at the gym, and ice-skating. I'm also active in two different writers' groups, and I attend the TMCC Writers Conference each year.

My writing is a solitary activity and all my athletic activities are done alone, with the exception of bicycling — my dog is happy to come with me every time I go out on the bicycle. Most of my social activities come from Mensa — the games night, the monthly meeting, monthly dinner, and monthly lunch.

— Richard Arbib

John & I enjoy riding our motorcycle, a 2002 Honda GL1800 Gold Wing, all around the mountainous terrain in which we live. We will frequently head up to Lake Tahoe via any number of different routes from the Virginia City area and ride around the lake, which is 77 miles of gorgeous scenery and seeing the lake from several different altitudes.

We have ridden 'cross country a couple of times — to the Mensa World Gathering in Orlando, FL in 2006 and to the Motor City AG of 2010 in Detroit MI. In 2008 we combined a trip to the Denver AG with some great sightseeing in Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons and the Custer State Park (SD). The only thing wrong with our motorcycle trips is that we are always limited in how long we can stay in any given area because John's boss is always waiting for John to come back to work!

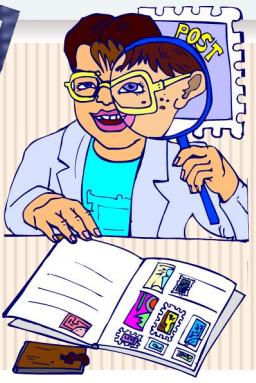
A hobby which we added last year is RV-ing. We purchased a 32 foot 2012 Outback travel trailer which we pull with our Dodge Ram 1500 Hemi. The trailer is actually a "toy hauler" but our Gold Wing doesn't quite fit in it. We may get a smaller bike for short side trips. I love having our "home away from home" with us when we travel! It's GREAT knowing who slept in the bed last and how clean the unit is!

I don't know if it should be considered a hobby, but in 1982 I founded the Parapsychology SIG of Mensa which currently has over 500 members and has been continuously operated by me for nearly 30 years. I formed this SIG around my interest in the paranormal because I wanted to investigate this subject surrounded by the most intelligent folks I could find who were also interested in parapsychology. It is a Legacy I leave for Mensa.

— Carole Preisach

Woodworking.
— J.W.

Hiking, music, reading, chess, cooking, and gardening
— R. M.



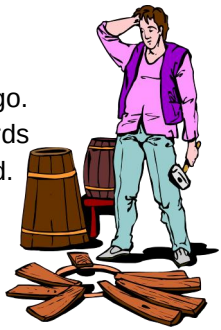
Mensa for Kids!

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



Jobs, jobs, jobs!

These jobs were common 100 years (or more) ago. Many of them still exist today. Some of these words have even changed meaning in the modern world. Can you match the occupation to its description?



Occupation	Description
1. huckster	A. drove a team of horses that hauled cargo
2. spinster	B. did cooking, sewing and cleaning at home
3. midwife	C. sold small items in a shop or booth on the street
4. milliner	D. made or repaired wooden barrels and tubs
5. keeping house	E. mended tin pots and pans and sold them
6. lavender	F. built and maintained mills or mill machinery
7. wainwright	G. washed other people's laundry
8. teamster	H. made or repaired wagons
9. millwright	I. made or repaired shoes
10. cobbler	J. delivered babies and cared for the mothers
11. cooper	K. spun yarn with a spinning wheel
12. tinker	L. a carpenter or worker who sawed wood
13. sawyer	M. made or sold hats

Thanks to Family Tree Maker for this quiz. You can see the original quiz and some thought provoking questions about work in the olden days at: http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/occupation-station-kids-quiz

Thanks to Ken Wright for this link.



Answers on page 26

This July the summer **Olympic Games** will be held in London. Some of the competitive sports are listed here. Unscramble the words and use the letters to name four of the oldest sports included the modern Olympic games below.

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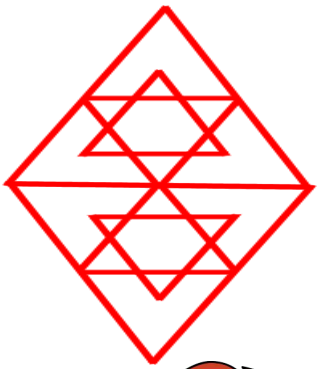
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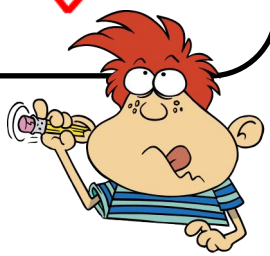
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Geronimo Jones has a **geometry** problem. He's trying to count the number of triangles in this picture. How many do you see?





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Follow up: Our guest speaker for April, Noah Silverman, introduced us to the Reno Bike Project. It's a great non-profit organization. Please consider them for your next bicycling need.



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Puzzle Page Answers:

The fake games are *Cop Show*, *Da Hood* and *In His Head*.

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Jobs, jobs, jobs! answers:

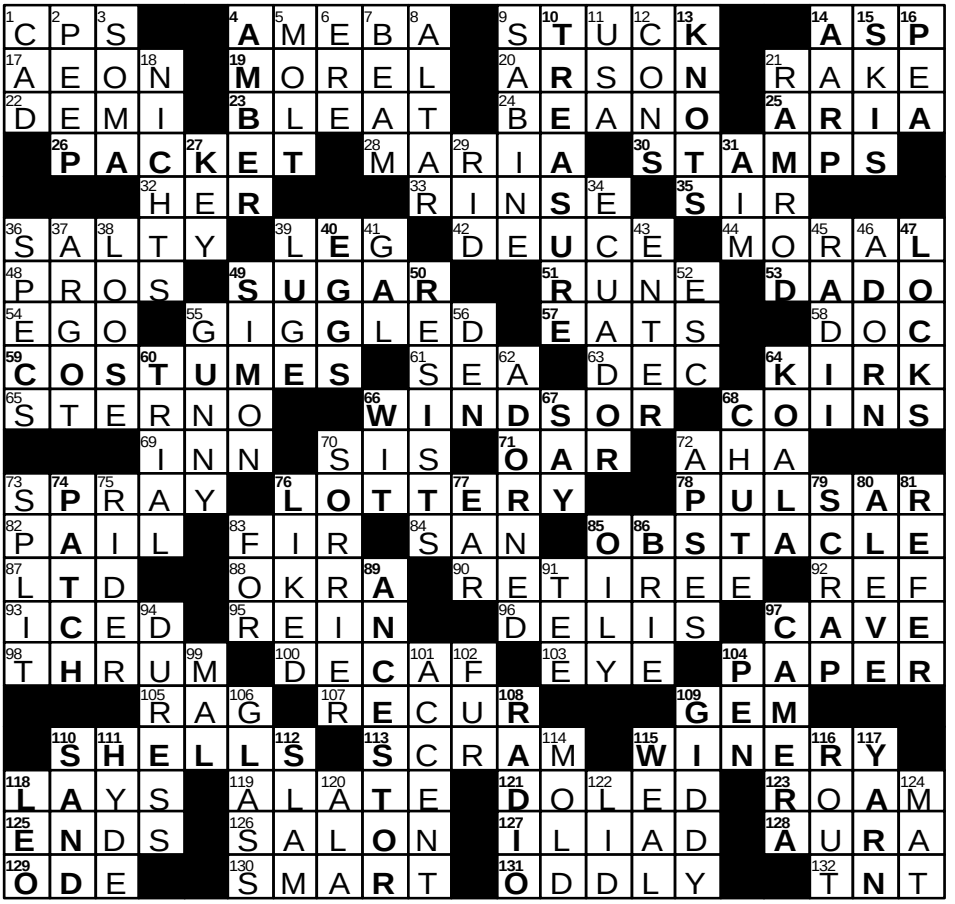
1. C; 2. K; 3. J; 4. M; 5. B;
6. G; 7. H; 8. A; 9. F; 10. I;
11. D; 12. E; 13. L

Olympic Games answers:

Cycling, gymnastics, swimming, track and field, and wrestling

Geronimo Jones: 24 triangles

What Might Interest You? Answers:



97-down, Planking: A new fad where you have your photo taken in an incongruous location while lying face-down, flat and stiff like a board (=plank.) Posting to the internet is the last step. Will it last the test of time as a hobby? I doubt it.

— A



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AMC	American Mensa Committee (National Elected or Appointed Officers)
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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
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