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*This issue of The SCAM is dedicated to the 3,013 victims of the cowardly attacks of September 11th, 2001; to the untold hundreds and thousands of heroes of that fateful day, without whose efforts the toll would have been much greater; and to the thousands of American military personnel now fighting a war to prevent such an attack from ever happening again... may God bless them and keep them all.*

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## *Happy September Birthday*

02 – George Patterson

07 – Leah Simpson

12 – Robert Allen

13 – Larry Bishop

15 – Joseph Cittadini

16 – David Meier

17 – Janice Axelrod

19 – Ralph McKee

22 – Paul Siebert



## *Welcome to Mensa and SCAM*

*Michael Hostetler - Melbourne*

## *Welcome Back to SCAM*

*Janice Axelrod - Cocoa*

## *Welcome to SCAM*

*Nobody moved in this month*



**On the  
Firing Line**



**J.T. Moran**

**SCAM Editor**

**A** year ago this great nation was transformed. It was united as it had not been for sixty years. United in its resolve and its determination to withstand and overcome an enemy who had attacked our soil in a cowardly, undeclared manner. Just as had occurred 60 years earlier.

In Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, 2,348 Americans died in the attack, all but 68 members of the military. Afterward, the nation's resolve hardened. Enlistments increased. Production increased. People were willing, no, **PROUD** to sacrifice personal comforts and endure shortages for the good of our boys in uniform and the war they were to fight. And this resolve lasted as long as the war did, even with the horrible deaths and losses early in the struggle.

In the terrorist attack on 9-11, 2,779 people died in the World Trade Center attack, the vast majority of them Americans. 189 more died in the Pentagon attack, and 45 died when Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. Of the 3,013 who died that day, only 51 were military personnel. Yet, has our resolve hardened? It did for a while, but is it still? Have all the necessary steps been taken to prevent another attack of the same nature? No, because partisan politics and political correctness prevents our law enforcement agencies from accomplishing meaningful results and change. Are people willing to sacrifice? Sure, as long as someone else is doing the sacrificing.

This country must come together, and I fear that it will take at least two more serious attacks before those in power are willing to ignore the rationalizers and apologists in the media and elsewhere and do what must be done.

But, how many more will have to die until then?

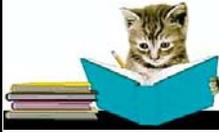


## **IT'S AMAZING, BUT TRUE!**

No-one who has ever attended a Space Coast Area Mensa RG has ever been: hit by a falling asteroid; run over by an M-1 Abrams tank in downtown Oshkosh; trampled by a herd of stampeding water buffalo in Buffalo; or abducted by demented aliens from the Andromeda galaxy and subjected to the torture of having to watch 72 consecutive showings of Barney, the Purple Dinosaur! A coincidence? Maybe. However, why take chances? Take out some life insurance and come to the **2002 SCAM Rollback RG!** It's cheaper than Blue Cross, and a lot more fun. Oct. 18, 19, and 20, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront, in Indialantic, Florida. For more information contact:

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## *Mewsing About*



**Clara  
Woodall-Moran,  
LocSec**

The plans for the RG are moving along nicely. If you have not been to an RG there is no time like the present to get your feet wet at one. As a personal goal for this RG, I am still looking to get at least twenty of our own members to attend. This is only ten percent of the membership.

This might be a good time to remind folks that we need volunteers for some jobs. Think about these jobs and contact a member of the ExComm if you believe you can help:

1. Jim Johnson-Doug Pearson Memorial Scholarship Chair (and committee)
2. The Editor is looking for a calendar coordinator
3. In the very near future, we will need three individuals to be on the Nominations and Elections Committee
4. The Audit committee will be seated early next year to verify the books.

We will be glad to answer any questions you might have about these and other jobs.

On the subject of scholarships, when Ellen Paul was our scholarship chairperson she also took on the task of MERF scholarship judge. The Mensa Education and Research foundation provides a variety of scholarships. Each Local chapter may have a judge who will submit two scholarship winners for the local chapter. The qualifications and judging criteria is set by MERF. Ellen selected the winners for our area and they are: Elena M. Monteith of Merritt Island who won the Kuhnel Scholarship and Reza Ghobadi of Palm Bay who won the Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations to them both.

We have not had very many folk come to take the test lately. This is the usual midsummer doldrums. We need to spark interest for the testing session to be held at the RG. We plan to start the registration for the testing at 9:30AM and we are requiring everyone wanting to participate to pre-register for the testing session. We have cancelled the September session in anticipation of the need for extra tests and answer sheets for the National Testing Day. Bob Tuck has provided the local media with Public Service Announcements for the testing sessions.

One further note on the RG: as you can see on page 24, we have a nice person seeking to cut expenses by sharing a room at the hotel. I have done this before and it is a great way to save money while not diminishing your enjoyment of the gathering one iota. You might even find a new friend! If you are considering staying at the hotel and would like to share a room, let me or J.T. know and we'll get the word out. No guarantees, but you may luck out.



***Minutes of the  
ExComm Meeting***



***Jon Warner,  
RecSec***

**A**ugust 11th, 2002 - 15:03 at Joe Smith's Residence

Members Attending: **Helen, Joe, Jon, Rita.**

Members absent: **Clara**

Guests: Pat Aronna

**Correspondence**

None

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Move:** Helen - to approve as published. **Second:** Rita.

**Vote:** **Unanimous**

**Officer Reports**

**LocSec:** no report.

**Asst. LocSec:** no report.

**RecSec:** no report.

**Member-at-Large:** no report.

**Treasurer:** Passed around printed report of accounts.

**Committees Reports**

**Bylaws:** no report.

**Editor:** no report.

**SIGHT:** no report.

**Membership:** Membership is at 205.

**RG:** Things going smooth, now have 90 registrations.

**Scholarship:** The Scholarship judging will be completed this month.

**SIGs:** Still continuing, collectables in August, Scrabble in September.

**Testing:** One person tested in August.

**Publicity:** PSAs have been sent out on the NTD at the RG. Still needs bios on ExComm members.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Open Forum / Announcements**

None

**Next Meeting:** September 8, 2002, at Helen Lee Moore's house at 3:00 p.m.

**Move to adjourn:** Helen. **Second:** Jon. **Vote:** **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 15:13.



**The Casebook of  
Anthony Chianti,  
Private Eye**



**Ken Thornton-Smith**

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**The Wabasso Triangle: Episode 7½**

*This month, our Defective Detective has a science lesson... kinda tough going for someone who thinks 'Trigonometry' is the study of Roy Roger's horse.*

**I**t should not have happened, but one thing is certain: it did happen. Defying all known laws of physics, plus the Starboard Tack Rule and not forgetting the "Only to be Removed by Consumer" tags, the Wabasso Triangle has struck again.

Anthony Chianti, Licensed Private Eye and Indian River Community Pasta Detective, reporting:

It was Tuesday, and as if a long day at the office with three terminal pasticides and a visit from Retarded Ravioli wasn't bad enough, I was stuck on 15 Down. To make things worse, when I got home, Art was at it again. It was three months since the lispng green-crested stowaway had hitched a ride back from the mothership on board my Buick Testudo and installed himself in the attic...

"Hi, Art, what's up?"

**"Look like ceiling tiles to me, Earthling. Why you ask?"**

"Er... What is that noise?"

**"It called 'Plum Blossoms in the Snow'..."**

"I don't care what it's called, turn it off – I don't like alien music."

**"It not alien muthic, it Chinese opera. You said try Country Muthic."**

"That's not Country Music – Country is, like... Garth, Hank, Reba, you know, Boot Scoot Boogie..."

**"China is wrong country? You forgot to specify country?"**

"Er, American Country?"

**"Anyway, I like muthic while I work..."**

"You think someone plucking a birdcage is music?"

**"Philistine – it better than mitherable rubbish you listen to – sound like Leonard Cohen on Lithium."**

"Did you say 'work'? You're going to make dinner?" I enquired, knowing how difficult it is to do a crossword on an empty stomach.

**"Nope, you make dinner. Me show you how to make simple home-made Temporal Shift Reactor,"** Art replied.

"Tyong ping," the stereo interjected.

**"It thimple to make, podner, I show you. First we need to clean off primary ingethtion station..."**

"Ingestion station?"

**"Why you repeat everything I say?"** He tipped the dining table over until everything crashed on the floor. **"Now we need thoggy**

**thpirella...**"

"Soggy Spirella? How about some cooked-to-perfection Mostaccioli?"

"Twang, ping-pong?" the stereo suggested.

**"Listen, thmarty-pants, you think you famous TV chef like Walter Kronkite? You want me show you how to make this or else I just go watch TV and learn more Merican?"**

"OK, soggy spirellas coming right up... how much?" I said, trying to sound enthusiastic.

**"Are you congenitally thtupid or just incapable of listening? Is 'thpirella' not singular? We make one little machine, need only one – Dagnabbit, Podner!"**

"Dagnabbit, Podner? Exactly what have you been watching? Or is there too much chlorophyll in your hair?"

**"Me learn Merican from TV Westerns – 'White man thpeak with fork tongue' – 'Head 'em off at the path' – 'Git those doggith rolling' – 'Not back in three days send a pothee' – 'I don't know who that masked stranger ith, but I'd sure like to say thank you... ' Pretty good, huh?"**

"Er... OK, cowboy, one soggy spirella coming right up!" I threw a lone spiral in a mug with an inch of water and put it in the microwave for eight minutes – criminal behavior for a Community Pasta Detective, but all in the cause of science.

Ten twanging minutes later...

**"OK, now, how it works, pay attention. This is input end on spirella. Here we put broadband radiation. Low frequencies go through wet pasta, high frequencies travel outside, around edge of helix... but get to other end at same time. Are you with me, Amigo?"**

"Er?"

**"Good, now come interesting part: Real time defined, not by elapsed time, but by delta of both speeds. So, we sum this, invert result, and iptho fatso, backwards time come out here..."** He traced the energy path through the pasta, and then through a moldy sneaker, two rubber bands and my new hair dryer, which was stuck in a broken teapot.

"Hey, what are you doing with my new hair dryer?"

**"It's OK, I just borrow hairdryer. Anyway, thperiment ready. Put finger here, Paleface."**

I put my finger near the spout, just where he said... and then, nothing.

"Should something be happening?"

**"You suppothed to say, "Ready, Podner," and then I switch it on..."**

"OK. Ready!"

"And?"

“OK... Ready, Podner!”

**“Wagonth roll... !”**

Nothing happened. Then, slowly at first, the faded wallpaper became brighter, then brand new; then drywall, studs, construction workers – the house was only a concrete bed, then faster: trees, pioneers, Spanish, trees, Indians, trees, dinosaurs, then an almighty crash and I was back in the kitchen.

Art was standing next to me with a large hammer and my new hair-dryer was in pieces. He was not amused:

**“You suppothed to pull out finger! You lucky I was here to thave your life!”**

“But you didn’t say anything about pulling out finger...”

**“It’s my fault that Earthling doesn’t know how to work time machine? If Wishbone was here he sort out you var-mints... ”**

“How am I supposed to know if you don’t tell me?”

**“I not listening...”** Art put his fingers in his ears, **“Warble, warble, I hear nothing... Git those doggith rolling... ”**

I returned to the kitchen and the Mostaccioli. Some olive oil, garlic, and soon another culinary masterpiece was ready.

**“While you making dinner I bought some stocks... sar-thaparilla is good...”**

“Sarsaparilla? That’s a ’79 Gewürztraminer.”

**“It is? Then why they put it in a screw-top bottle? Anyway, broker was very nice, Mr. Levitski at PumpnDump Securities...”**

“Are you crazy? What did they talk you into?”

**“...I buy stock in crummy little typewriter company called IBM...”**

“IBM? But high-tech is dead...”

**“No, Thilly, I buy stock in 1937 after I repair time machine. Cost me 7 cents. This pasta pretty doggone good, podner.”**

“You went back to 1937 and bought stock?”

**“Sure, then in 1983 dump it for Microthoft. Also put 3 pennies in a savings account in 1762, juth for fun. So we sitting pretty. But this need more garlic...”**

“You own some Microsoft?” I looked up from the crossword.

**“Not any more... in July 2001 we move into Krugerands... our assets up to \$99 billion, then calculator overflow. Now we need to work on time transporter so I can bring stuff back.”**

“Bring stuff back? You’re so rich, why don’t you just buy it?”

**“Earthling not think straight. Some stuff not around any more... How much you reckon Than Diego Zoo pay for a**

## breeding pair of Dodoth?”

“San Diego Zoo? Dodos? Are you crazy?”

I returned to my struggle with 15 Down: It was looking like “IRA”, but the only “George’s Brother” with three letters is “JEB”. Something was wrong somewhere, and for once it wasn’t Detective Inspector “Raving” Ravioli of the Serious Pasta Crimes Squad breathing down my neck.

“Anyway, you think I lathybones but today I spend hours on phone with Immigration to apply for Pretty Kewl Athylum. Nice man say no to Athylum, not eligible for Visa, need speak to Consulate, where you from? So I say Planet Siriuth 7 and he laugh and say we better try Rothwell. So tomorrow we go to Rothwell.”

“Roswell? But he only said that as a joke!”

“A joke? That make me sad... am I really an illegal alien?”

“Guess so, if there’s anything I can do to help, just let me know...”

“OK, podner. After you marry me I get Green Card – can I have some more sarthaparilla, Honey?”

Well, amazing but true, turns out that the androgynous Art is really a She. And it can only have happened here – that’s about it for this month’s update from the Wabasso Triangle.

Anthony Chianti, Indian River Community Pasta Detective, signing off.



**Your Health**



**Botox**  
**Ann Schindler**  
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**B**otulism is a food poisoning caused by the consumption of the toxin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. The bacteria are anaerobic which means that they grow only where there is little or no oxygen. The bacteria can also exist as spores, single cell reproductive bodies that are very heat resistant. The spores can exist under conditions where the bacteria cannot and they can later develop into the bacteria. The bacteria and its spores, commonly found in soil and water, are harmless. It is only when the toxin is produced that disease occurs. The toxin binds to nerve endings causing muscle paralysis. There are seven types of botulism toxin designated by the letters A through G. Only a few types cause human disease. Botulism manifests itself in three ways: foodborne, infantile, or wound. According to the Centers for Disease Control, an average of 110 cases of botulism are diagnosed in the United States each year, with 25% being foodborne, 72% infantile, and 3% wound, though cases of wound botulism are increasing due to the use of black-tar heroin.

Though botulism has been with us for centuries, the first recorded outbreak occurred in 1793 in Germany from the consumption of spoiled sausage. It was called Kerner’s Disease, named after the man who kept the

town's medical and death records. The word botulism is derived from the Latin word *botulus* meaning sausage. The symptoms of botulism can include drooping eyelids, slurred speech, blurred vision, constipation, and may progress to limb paralysis, respiratory paralysis, and death. There is an antitoxin available if diagnosis is made early, but the patient may still require an extended period of time on ventilator therapy with additional intensive medical care. Wounds are treated by the removal of tissue that is the source of the toxin. Botulism spores are ubiquitous, and are frequently inhaled or swallowed. They can then travel to the intestine. This causes little problem in the normal adult or child, but for an infant under the age of one year, this can cause serious disease. An infant's intestinal tract does not completely develop normal bacteria, called flora, until age one. If botulism spores invade and develop in this favorable environment, there is no capability to fight their growth and infant botulism can develop. For this reason, you should never feed honey to any infant under the age of one year. Bees pick up botulism spores while collecting nectar and deposit them in the honey. Regular processing methods of honey contain no steps to destroy these spores and many honey samples contain them. Other prevention methods include properly canning foods (heat under pressure at temperatures exceeding 212 degrees Fahrenheit), refrigeration of oils used in cooking and fermenting of herbs, cooking foods at high enough temperatures to reduce contamination, and prompt refrigeration of uneaten portions. You should also promptly treat all wounds and never inject street drugs.

In the late 1960's, researchers began exploring the medical use of botulism toxin with its potential to paralyze or relax muscles. By the 1970's, minute amounts of the toxin were being injected into muscles around the eye to treat strabismus (cross-eye) and other ocular spasms. Finally the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Botox (Botulism toxin type A) in 1989 to treat strabismus and blepharospasm (eyelid twitch.) Research continued into other spastic conditions, and in 2000, both Botox and Myobloc (Botulism toxin type B) were approved for cervical dystonia (spasms of the neck and shoulder muscles.) While treating many patients with Botox for the approved eye conditions, it had been noticed that facial wrinkles in the adjacent areas seemed to fade, and patients were returning to ask for additional treatments for cosmetic purposes. This is called "off-label" use. Once the FDA approves a drug for a certain purpose, that drug can then be used by physicians for other conditions. This practice has long been the norm with numerous medications. Two examples of "off-label" use are Prozac, an antidepressant, being used for obsessive-compulsive disorders, and Evista, an osteoporosis drug, being used for the prevention of breast cancer. The FDA finally approved Botox for cosmetic purposes in February 2002.

Botox works by blocking the release of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter that triggers muscle contractions. When this happens, the muscle re-

laxes and the wrinkle it produces ceases to exist. There is little danger of the toxin spreading to other areas of the body, though an adjacent muscle may be "sluggish" for a few weeks. This means you may have no wrinkles around your eyes, but you may be bothered with a slightly drooping eyelid for a brief time. Botox has been referred to as the "lunch time face lift" because of its quick simple series of injections with results manifesting quickly, usually in 2 weeks or less. This effect lasts from 3 to 8 months depending on the thickness and oiliness of the skin. Subsequent treatments, however, may last longer. Botox is not recommended for treatment in pregnant or nursing women or in those persons who have existing neurological conditions. An injection of Botox will cost an average of \$400 per area and such cosmetic treatments are not generally covered by insurance.

Researchers are finding other conditions that are responding to treatment with Botox. Some of these include chronic low back pain, migraine headaches, voice disorders, cerebral palsy, and sweat gland disorders. Additional disorders that respond to Botox treatment will likely continue to be found. Botox is produced under strictly controlled laboratory conditions, and, in this purified form, it has proven to be a safe and effective treatment for several distressing and painful conditions.

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### **CORRECTION!!!**

The July issue stated that the brain contained 100 neurotransmitters - it should have said 100 *varieties* of neurotransmitters. Sorry for the omission.



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## **IT ALL ADDS UP!**

The **2002 SCAM Rollback RG**: 99 and 44/100% pure fun! (the other .56% is dirty fun) But no matter how you add it up, it always equals a great time! Come help us even out the ratio on October 18,19, and 20, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Indialantic, Florida.

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## September 2002 Calendar of SCAM Events

Membership in American Mensa, Ltd. makes you eligible to attend SCAM social functions. Escorted and invited guests of a member or host are welcome. Adult family members of Mensans are encouraged to participate in SCAM activities, as are well behaved children. However, attendance at any social function in a **private home** is subject to the hospitality of the host. Compliance with published house rules is required, and "Kitty" payment is **not optional**. As a courtesy, notify the host if you plan to attend. Announced hosts should attend their events or arrange for a stand-in if unable. When reservations are required, you may not be able to participate if you fail to call.

*S*-Smoking; *NS*- No Smoking; *SS*-Separate Smoking Area; *P*-Pets in the home; *NP*-No Pets present; *BYO* -Bring Your Own: *\_*Snacks, *\_*Drinks, *\_*Everything.

### Regular Events

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (North) at Barnes and Noble: Monday, the 9th & 23rd**

6:00PM, Merritt Island, across from Merritt Square Mall

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (North) at Books-A-Million: Wednesday, the 4th & 18th**

6:00PM, Merritt Square Mall, Merritt Island

**C.A.B.A.G.E. (South) at Books-A-Million: Wednesday, the 25th**

7:00PM, Post Commons, Wickham Road, Melbourne

Spend the evening with friends playing games, drinking gourmet coffee, and devouring sweet treats, and perhaps even reading a bit. It's free (except for any purchases), no pets, and outside smoking.

**C.A.B.A.G.E. North Host: Karen Freiberg** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**C.A.B.A.G.E. South Host: Jon Warner** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

<b>7th</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Party/Games Night</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>\$3.00 Kitty</b>	<b>SS/NP</b>

The Leichtlings have once again opened their beautiful oceanfront home for a SCAM event, this time a party/games night. Bring your own or play someone else's, or just have a great time watching the waves roll in from the balcony. .

**Suzanne and Marc Leichtling** (*suzl@cfl.rr.com*)

<b>8th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ExComm Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>SS/NP</b>

The Executive Committee meets to conduct its monthly business. This month's meeting will be held at the *home of our Treasurer, Helen Lee Moore*. The meeting of the RG Committee will follow immediately afterward.

**Clara Woodall-Moran (LocSec)** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**Helen Lee Moore (Host)** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**10th** **NL and Calendar deadlines**

All newsletter submissions must be to J.T. no later than today. Ditto for calendar events being to the calendar coordinator.

**J.T. Moran** *See Page 3 for e-mail info*

<b>13th</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Firearms &amp; Fried Rice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Range &amp; Meal costs</b>	<b>S/NP</b>

Time to get your weaponry out of storage and loose a few rounds down range. Meet us at the *Gun Site Range, 124 S. Banana River Dr., Merritt Island*. This month the

Fried Rice will be at the *New Century Buffet, 735 N. Courtenay Parkway, MI 453-1117*  
**J.T. Moran** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**14th** **6:00 p.m.** **Great Books Discussion Group**  
**Saturday** **Free** **NS/NP**

Come out to *Barnes and Noble on Merritt Island* to join in a discussion of the Great Books. Former local member and friend of SCAM, Luke Setzer, asks us to join him and others in this "shared inquiry" setting. This event will include Mensans and non-Mensans alike, and the recurring theme will be books of interest to Objectivists. The Great Books programs is what the group is currently exploring. Please feel free to contact Luke Setzer ahead of time for further information, or go to the URL listed below full details.

**Luke Setzer** *http://WideSCOPE.tripod.com*

**14th** **7:00 p.m.** **SIGs Night**  
**Saturday** **\$3.00** **NS/NP**

Rita Johnson-Aronna hosts our monthly SIGs night. This month the emphasis is on the favorite RG tournament game, *Scrabble!* If this does not interest you, come anyway for games, food and fun!

**Rita Johnson-Aronna** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**15th** **11:00 a.m.** **Brunch with Jim**  
**Sunday** **Meal cost** **NS/NP**

We'll join Jim for his monthly Sunday brunch at the *Colossus Restaurant at 380 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne*. Note: you must be seated no later than 11:00 a.m. or you may not be seated with us, as we can't save seats for latecomers.

**Jim Trammell** *Jim.Trammell@rc.patrick.af.mi*

**17th** **6:30 p.m.** **Ptomaine Ptuesday**  
**Tuesday** **Meal cost** **NS/NP**

Join the ever-hungry SCAMsters for some moderately priced GOOD EATING in Bellwood. The *Bellwood Polish Restaurant* is located at *7505 S. US Hwy #1, Bellwood*. That's on the EAST side of US 1, between the Orlando Power Plant on the south and Space Coast Executive Airport (TiCo) on the north. The restaurant phone number is 385-3232.

**Helen Lee Moore** *See Page 2 for e-mail info*

**21st** **7:00 p.m.** **Movie Night**  
**Saturday** **\$3.00** **SS/NP**

Dan Lange invites us to his apartment for a night of movie watching. His DVD collection awaits. A movie can be chosen by the group and munching and rehashing will, in all likelihood, be included. Dan has a third story walk-up, so the faint-hearted are forewarned! Call Dan for directions.

**Dan Lange** *dlange@klx.net*

**28th** **6:30 p.m.** **S.N.O.R.T.**  
**Saturday** **Meal Cost** **SS/NP**

Wasabi! Join us at our best-attended monthly event and sample some great Japanese fare; take a break from the hot dogs and hamburgers of summer for some sushi and tempura. *Miyako's* is located at *1511 S. Harbor City Blvd. (US1) in Melbourne*.

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***A View  
from the Right:  
For God and  
Country***

by

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*"Religion - from the Latin 'religare' ('to bind fast') - typically the term refers to an institution with a recognized body of communicants who gather together regularly for worship, and accept a set of doctrines offering some means of relating the individual to what is taken to be the ultimate nature of reality."*

The recent fiasco of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision over the Pledge of Allegiance only proves the need for removing activist judges from the bench. Of course, being federal, the judge who handed down the decision needn't worry - federal judges get a lifetime appointment.

Just what did he find unconstitutional? The words "under God". Why does he consider the simple word "God" to be a violation of the First Amendment?

Well, his explanation was that its inclusion in The Pledge somehow was a case of the government establishing a religion. Really? How so? Even the Supreme Court doesn't buy that. In their last case concerning "In God We Trust" on our nation's currency they ruled that the mere usage of the word "God" does not involve an establishment of religion.

So, first off, just what did the Framers mean by the "establishment" of religion?

That is simple. The merest perusal of the writings by the Founders of our nation show that they wanted to prevent the institution of a new "Church of England", the official national religion of England. Members of that Church received special treatment and special privileges. So the Framers felt so strongly about the freedom of worship that they wrote as the first clause of the First Amendment a prohibition against the establishment of a National, or "official" religion. Nowhere is there any evidence of a "separation of Church and State" being considered at all, no less as it is today, as an absolute. To the contrary: the First states that Congress shall make NO law concerning the establishment of religion.

So, let us now look into the concept of "religion". The quote at the beginning of this column is from "The Dictionary of Philosophy and Religion". I personally think it fits the bill pretty well. Another definition I like is that religion can be considered an organized set of beliefs that encode a person's or group's attitudes toward, and understanding of, the essence or nature of reality. It can also be looked upon as any specific form of belief, worship etc., usually involving a system of ethics.

Now notice, neither of those definitions mentioned "God" anywhere, did they? Yet the organized worship of any deity will fit nicely into both of them. So will the "worship" of things other than gods.

Remember the special privileges accorded members of the Church of England? They seem very reminiscent of those accorded members of the Communist Party of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, an entity that could never be accused of being godly.

And that "institution with a recognized body of communicants who gather together regularly for worship, and accept a set of doctrines..." could include anything from the Catholic Church to the Democratic Party, and everything in-between. So, shall we therefore make it unconstitutional to practice the tenets and doctrines of the Democrats in public?

So, as many will say, it is all about establishing a Supreme Being (other than a Clinton, of course). They claim that the mere attachment of "God" to anything in the governmental sphere is thereby establishing a predominance of one set of beliefs over all others. Well, let's look at that concept.

Throughout the world and throughout time, every people has had gods to worship/fear/obey. Many of these gods were deifications of natural forces. The top three were Earth (most often a goddess), Sun (most often a god) and Moon (goddess). While these were not always the Supreme Being of a people's belief, they, along with the other nature gods such as lightning, thunder, etc., were the ones with the most influence in their daily lives. Many of their names are part of the modern lexicon: the names of the planets are all taken from the Roman gods; scientific terms such as flora and fauna, aurora, and chronos are taken from Greek gods.

All it takes is a quick internet search to find gods galore; Creators and Supreme Beings such as the African:

*Abora* of the Canary Islanders on the island of Palma

*Acoran* of the Canary Islanders on the island of Gran Canaria

*Ataa Naa Nyongmo* of Ghana

*Cagn* of the Kalahari Bushmen of southern Africa

*Dxui* of the Bushmen of south Central Africa

*Fidi Mukullu* of the Bena Lulua in Zaire

*Nzambi* of the Bakongo people of the Congo

*Massim-Biambe* of the Mundang people of the Congo

I particularly like the style of *Bumba* of the Boshongo, a Bantu people of southern Africa. Racked with stomach pain, he vomited up the earth, sun, moon and all living creatures, the last of whom was mankind. What a concept! Humanity: hairballs of the gods.

And then, maybe, a few Asian Supreme deities:

*Cao Dai* of Vietnamese Caodaism

*Nias* in Indonesia

*Karei* of the Semang of Malaya.

*Mahatala* of the Ngadju Dayak people of Borneo

*Kinharingan* of the Dusun of Borneo

*Lao T'ien Yeh* (Old Man Heaven) of the Sung Chinese

And, while not a "Supreme" god, an interesting deity is *P'an-Chin-Lien*, the Chinese goddess of prostitutes.

Let us not forget Europe and Eurasia:

*Ilmarinen* of Finland

*Isten* of Hungaria

*Ayi'-Uru'n Toyo'n* of the Yakut

*Kurkil* of a Mongol tribe in Siberia

I also like *Buga* of the Siberian Tungus people. He created the first two humans out of iron, fire, water and earth.

I could go on for pages about the other gods of these regions, as well as of the other regions and peoples of the world. However, I think I have made my point. The word “God” means different things to different people, and to argue that “under God” establishes a pre-eminent single belief is both specious and nonsense.

So, people argue that, "If 'God' is OK, then how about 'under Vishnu', or 'under Buddha' or maybe 'under Allah' being acceptable?"

Well, let's see: *Vishnu* is a... God, right? Of the Hindu faith. And *Allah* is a... God, right? Of the Moslem beliefs. The same can be said for *Christ*, *Yahweh*, *Odin*, *Ra*, *Zeus*, *Shiva*, *Hel*, *Osiris*, *Anubis*, *Baal*, and so on, as to the appropriate religions they are all entities believed to be a God. Even the Devil can fall into that category, whether as *Satan*, *Lucifer*, *Harith*, *Iblis*, *Ahriman*, or *Angra Mainyu*. But to specify any one of them by name, i.e.: “under Bumba”, would be establishment of a pre-eminent faith.

A familiar story throughout history is that of the man-god. One who was born of mortal parents, but who later, through trial and torment, comes into his maturity as a great teacher and finally ascends into heaven.

Sounds like Jesus Christ? It also is the story of Gautama Siddhartha, aka *Buddha*. Many similarities exist between these two. Jesus' mother, Mary, had a vision informing her that she would give birth to the Messiah. Buddha's mother, Queen Maya, experienced a vision in which she beheld the Buddha come down into her womb as a white elephant. This was interpreted as the birth of a world saviour.

Jesus was mortal, yet also was Jehovah. Buddha was mortal, yet also was Vishnu. Jesus went into the desert and was tempted and tormented by Lucifer. Buddha sat under the Bo Tree and was tempted and tormented by the demon Mara. Jesus became a rabbi, traveling his world, teaching his new laws. Buddha became a monk, traveling his world, teaching his new laws. Jesus came to be called the Christ, meaning “the anointed one”. Siddhartha came to be called the Buddha, meaning “the enlightened one”.

The Moslem faith has a saying: "*La illaha il'allah*" (There is no God but God). After my research for this article, I look on this as meaning that all “gods” are but aspects of the same “God” whose true name is not known.

In 1953 Arthur C. Clarke wrote a short story: "The 9 billion Names of God". The premise of the story was that man's sole purpose upon this plane of existence was to discover and record the Nine Billion Names. At the end of the story, when all the names were recorded, the stars began to go out.

As Jack Horkheimer, aka the Star Hustler, advises, you might want to keep looking up... is the night sky getting darker?



***A View... From  
Somewhere Else***  
***“So You Want  
Honor and  
Integrity?”***  
by  
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**W**ur current President, when seeking office, campaigned on a promise “to restore honor and integrity to the White House.” Since that long, strange election campaign is now a fading memory, we should take the opportunity to review how well the President has done in accomplishing this lofty goal. Thus, what follows might be described as: *W’s Guide to Restoring Honor and Integrity to the White House.*

Let’s start with an upstanding public servant like Thomas White, Secretary of the Army. One would think with America engaged in a war, Mr. White would be singularly focused on the battlefield, but it turns out he managed to make over 70 telephone calls to his former cronies at the Enron corporation as their pyramid scheme collapsed. In fact, the Enron unit Mr. White headed before he entered the Bush Administration has recently been implicated in manipulating the energy market to artificially inflate prices. And here all this time we’ve been led to believe it was the fault of the consumer advocates.

When questioned about these improprieties that occurred under his own nose, Mr. White’s response was basically: *I dunno nothin’ about no corruption, but I am keeping all the money they gave me for being in charge!*

Our soldiers live, fight, and die by the principle of “Duty, Honor, Country.” Isn’t it a shame that their politically-appointed leaders don’t subscribe to the same creed?

To this paragon of virtue, add the paladin whose job is to be a watchdog over corporate America, the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Harvey Pitt. Mr. Pitt’s background as a boardroom lawyer is certainly noteworthy. That’s right, he is one of the conservatives’ favorite bogeymen, a lawyer. (Remember when Daddy sent Dan Quayle to the American Bar Association convention to tell the audience that there were too many of *them*?) Conservatives really dislike lawyers, except when they need an injunction to stop a recount in a close election, or when they need to harass a popular politician of the opposite party. (Or if you prefer, when they sense the need to defend the honor of an innocent like Ms. Paula Jones. Ever wonder what happened to her now that her usefulness has expired?)

Considering his strong ties to big business, it is no coincidence that Mr. Pitt hasn’t missed an opportunity to criticize and undermine those professionals in the government who would seek to investigate corporate corruption and punish the perpetrators. Mr. Pitt is, or at least until recently was, an adherent to the theory of allowing corporations to regulate themselves, and over the past year, the under-funded SEC has been one of the least effective agencies in the current administration. Now that the pigeons have come back to the roost, Mr. Pitt has the nerve to blame the previous administration for the great wave of executive fraud we have discovered lately, conveniently ignoring the fact that the latter-day laissez faire philosophy espoused by the current regime is what got us into this mess.

Another lawyer who apparently passes muster with the conservatives is Charles Polk, advisor and friend to Attorney General Ashcroft. Mr. Polk is

an ambulance-chaser who was recently implicated in a scheme to divert funds set aside for the victims of the 9-11 attacks to some of the people effected by the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. While Mr. Polk's defenders talk about his effort to correct an injustice, they don't mention his initial demand for a 27.5% cut (plus expenses) to lobby his pals at the Justice Dept.

Then to the legion of worthies, we add Vice President Richard Cheney, recently of the Halliburton Corporation, where in a story that has become old, accounts were manipulated to inflate profits. Of course, Mr. Cheney need not be troubled that the value of shares in his old company has fallen by 75%, because he sold his stock several years ago when it peaked.

This is, of course, the same man who, after a decade as a Texas oil baron, changed his residence to Wyoming at the last minute so he could run on the same ticket as the former governor of the lone star state. (The 12th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prevents electors voting for both a President and Vice President from their own state. Otherwise, we really might have some honor and integrity in the White House, in the form of a Vice President named Lieberman.) You see, when conservatives run up against a law they don't like, it's called a "technicality." Laws are only sacred things when they are useful in embarrassing "Liberals."

The Vice President deflects all questions to his former corporation. We can be sure he wishes he could so easily dispense with his videotaped endorsement of the Arthur Anderson consulting company.

We can not ignore the President's own fortuitous sale of stock in the Harken Energy corporation, where as a member of the board he made over \$800,000 unloading his shares before the price crashed and the average investor in that company lost his shirt. The President also used the corporation he was supposed to be overseeing as a source of loans and consulting fees. It wasn't wrong then, he says.

The President defends his insider trading by stating the SEC found him innocent (in fact they took no action). He rationalizes his failure to properly disclose his transactions as the fault of the bureaucracy. And, he sheepishly reminds us little people that accounting procedures in the corporate world aren't exactly black and white.

Now, for dodging the truth, that rates in the hall of shame with the last President's definition of "is" and "sex." (Whether "it" was sex or not is still debatable, depending on one's individual tastes and preferences, but we need not dredge up that which should always have remained private.)

Even conceding the "sleaze factor" of the last administration, it's important to note that whatever did transpire between President Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky, no one lost their job, no one lost their life savings, and no one's electric bill was inflated due to price gouging by greedy corporate officers.

Are we any better off with the current regime's concept of "Honor and Integrity?" Perhaps we should come to the conclusion that those who advertise their halos are usually the least deserving to wear them.



**The Gourmet's  
Guide:**

**Castelnau**

by

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**M**. Jean Calviac met us at the Agen train station. His small, four-passenger car just accommodated the three of us and our luggage. We drove away from the station on a four-lane city street. From there we went on to a wide two-lane main road that soon turned into a narrow two-lane road. We left the two-lane road for a paved one-lane road. That in turn was replaced by a graveled one-lane road that ultimately became a dirt track. Thirty minutes after leaving the train station we were at the main entrance to the remains of Castelnau des Fieumarcon.



Castelnau des Fieumarcon is what is left of a walled medieval village that was abandoned in the sixteenth century. Probably older, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century it became the seat of the squires of Lorraine.



A few years ago it was in danger of being leveled when all the buildings within the walls, consisting of the stables, some walls of the original chateau, and 16 of the original 32 houses were pur-

chased by a lover of antiquities. Only an abandoned church within the walls is not owned by M. Calviac. The large stables have been converted into a restaurant. The cottages are being slowly being restored. The ruins have been turned into gardens. It is still a work in progress.

Restore hardly describes what is being done to the cottages. Modern indoor plumbing has been put in. Each villa now has a small, but up-to-date kitchen, including a dishwasher, microwave oven, and electric stove. The interiors are freshly plastered and painted. New flooring has been put in. Central heating is provided. Certainly all of this would amaze the original inhabitants of the village.

The exteriors have been repaired, but only as much as is necessary for good weatherproofing. Even the original fireplaces have been made workable again. The result is a group of buildings with the appearance of a community of several centuries ago.



No automobiles are allowed within the walls. If you arrive by car, it must be left outside. Also missing inside the walls are telephones, radios, and TV's. Except for the birds and the occasional ringing of the church bell there is virtually no sound.

Castelnau is located on a rocky spur overlooking the tranquil Ouchy Valley. The surrounding area is lush, green farmland with some cows and sheep in the meadows.



The cottages are of different sizes, representing the sizes of the original homes in the village. The smallest has one bedroom and one bath. The largest has a master suite with bath, three other bedrooms, two of which have a bath, the third of which has an antique bed, and a living room. Ours, Maison Pujol, has a kitchen, sitting room, a small bedroom with a bathroom, and a half-bath on the first floor. The second floor has a large airy bedroom with a double bed and a large bathroom. There is a small garden terrace in front of the entrance.

One day Mme. Calviac took us to a farmer's market in a nearby town where she paid for produce needed for their restaurant. After that she dropped us off at Lectour. Rita and I toured the small city, which also was



once walled for protection. We walked the ramparts, ate a lunch of castoulet at a small cafe near the cathedral, and returned with Mme. Calviac. On the way back we passed several other formally fortified hill towns.

The area is populated with many such formally fortified villages. During the late Middle Ages, the main landlord, usually some minor noble, would build his chateau on a hilltop. Houses would be provided for his minions - soldiers, attorneys, doctors, scribes, and others that did not work the land. The farmers, who were also dependent on the landlord, would live on their farms.

A wall would be built around the hilltop; just large enough to encompass the castle and houses and provide a refuge for the farmers when they were raided or attacked. Castelnau was one such fortified village. It returns now as a village fortified against the obtrusions of the outside world.



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## NEED HEALTH INSURANCE??

9 out of 10 Doctors recommend the **2002 SCAM Rollback RG** to cure the blues! (The tenth prefers leeching and purging). It's just what the Doctors ordered! October 18,19, and 20, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Indialantic, Florida. For more information contact: J.T. Moran, P.O. Box 457, Sharpes, FL 32959-0457. (321)632-0854 [morwood@cfl.rr.com](mailto:morwood@cfl.rr.com)

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## **The 10th Story**

by

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The region has been quiet this summer—no threats of hurricanes, no huge political intrigues, no turmoil. When will the other shoe drop? Where does that expression come from anyway? Is it from Khrushchev's tantrum at the U.N. a while ago when he banged his shoe on the podium?? Anyone know?

A couple months ago I reviewed another of our twelve groups—Southwest by South Florida. This time it's **Space Coast Area Mensa's** (SCAM's) turn. As its name suggests, this group is centered around Cape Canaveral and the city of Melbourne. Number of members hovers around 200, but that figure is from the end of June when all of Mensa's membership figures take a dip. In 2001 *The SCAM*, this group's newsletter, won two awards in the Publications Recognition Program (PRP) including the prestigious Owl in the medium group category. A glance at the current newsletter reveals lots of clues as to why this publication won awards and was nominated again in 2002 for several awards including the Owl. August's *The SCAM* contains columns on Hydrocephalus, Work Ethics, Life Jackets, and one on how the bureaucrats in office exempt themselves from rulings that the rest of us must obey—very thought-provoking. In addition to those essays, there's The Gourmet's Guide (August's subject: Rice, Varieties and Uses), The Casebook of Anthony Chianti, Private Eye (humor), meeting minutes and the calendar. This newsletter has something for everyone. Keep up the excellent work!

SCAM holds an RG every other year alternating with Broward Mensa and this is the year! See below for details of the Rollback RG.

### **Coming Events**

October 18-20, the **2002 SCAM Rollback RG**, <http://spacecoastareamensa.tripod.com/>, Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Indiatlantic.

January 31-February 2, **Smarti Gras 2003**, <http://www.centralflorida.us.mensa.org/> **Laissez les bons mots rouler!** It's not too early to plan for this RG organized by Central Florida Mensa!

February 14-16, 2003, **ValenTime RG**, <http://www.nwflorida.us.mensa.org/>, for details for Northwest Florida's first ever RG!



## **RG ROOM PARTNER WANTED!**

**W**anting to attend, but can't afford the hotel? Darcy Shiller, the Editor of Broward Mensa's *BrowBeat* newsletter, is looking to share room expenses. As she puts it, "**I need a roommate, gender doesn't matter, what does is Quiet and NON-smoker!**" Darcy is a great person, so if you are interested, contact me at [morwood@cfl.rr.com](mailto:morwood@cfl.rr.com) and I will pass it on.



*It's Almost Here...*

**J.T. Moran**  
**RG Registrar**

As I write this, the RG is rapidly approaching. The SCAM party of the year (two, actually) is going to be an event to remember.

For many of us, the RG is a chance to get together with old friends not seen since the last RG, whereas for everyone it is an opportunity to meet new friends from your local group and from out-of-town.

For 3 days and 2 nights you will be involved in a hugfest full of weird and wonderful individuals, all of whom are glad to meet you. You will enjoy presentations, a costume party, a phenomenal 24 hour, we-never-close Hospitality Suite that overlooks the Atlantic, and great people, great fellowship, and great conversation.

You don't have to be a member of Mensa to attend, either! Spouses, children and friends are welcome to see how normally strange we Mensans can be.

You have heard it before, and will again: there is nothing like a Mensa Gathering for a good time. If you have attended before you know just how good, and if this is to be your first, well I envy you the experience you have to look forward to.

So sign up now and save, as the registration fee goes up to \$40 on September 1st!

## DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Just who attends SCAM RGs? Here's a partial list of previous attendees:

Godzilla

Rodan

She

It

Them

The Thing

The Blob

The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms

The Creature from the Black Lagoon

The Brain from Planet Arous

The Creature with 1,000,000 Eyes

The Phantom of the Opera

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Dracula

Frankenstein

The Wolfman

The Mummy

Darph Nader

and, of course,

Sorhed and the Nine Nozdru!

So, don't be antisocial. Get in with the **IN** crowd! Come to the **2002 Space Coast Area Mensa Rollback RG** and have a monstrously good time! You never know who (or what) will show up, but rumor has it that Elvis will be bringing Amelia.

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October 18, 19, and 20, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Indialantic, Florida.

(Name dropping not permitted)

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**It's Coming!**

**News from the  
RG Front**

**M**ark your calendar for the 2002 SCAM Rollback RG, happening on October 18th thru the 20th. Use **THIS** form, or call the registrar for further information. Only \$35 until 9/1! It's the SCAM event of the year!

## **Gimme That Ol' Time RGIN'... It's Good Enough For Me!**



That's right, it's time to roll out the way-back machine, and roll back... back... and even further back until we arrive at... **FUN!** In fact, all the way to the **2002 Space Coast Area Mensa Rollback RG!**

Here at SCAM we have heard your cries and lamentations, and we have hearkened unto thee with rolled-back registration costs and rolled-back room costs.

The **NEW** management of our favorite hotel, the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Indialantic, has been most receptive to our negotiations, resulting in lower room costs, lower-cost meal plans, and a rejuvenated Penthouse suite. So, in the Rollback spirit, we are passing those savings on to **YOU!** Room rates are only **\$69** a night for up to four Rg'ers, with oceanfront rooms priced somewhat higher.

Even Meal plan prices have been rolled back to pre-'96 RG levels, with Saturday Night Buffet at a miniscule **\$23** and the Sunday Buffet Brunch costs only **\$14**. And there is also a brought-back combo plan of a mere **\$36** for both meals!!! Full menus can be seen at our website:

<http://spacecoastareamensa.tripod.com>

Registration rates are currently **\$35** thru **8/31/02**, and **\$40** from **9/1/02** thru **10/20**. Day rates will be available, and registration fees will be cheerfully refunded!

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**Double Takes**



by  
**Anne Nonymuss**

**H**ere's a quiz to while away a few minutes of your time. It will require vocabulary skills and the ability to anagram words.

For each pair of definitions, you are to find one word which can be anagrammed to fit both definitions.

Example: to discontinue - round, fairly deep containers. STOP means to discontinue and POTS are round, fairly deep containers; STOP and POTS are anagrams.

Got the idea? Now try these...

1. Of mother and father - before birth
2. A measure of yarn - fermented liquor
3. So be it - long hair on the neck
4. Utter loudly - a cardinal compass point
5. To annul - burnt matter not reduced to ashes

*(Answers will be found below)*



**Arachnae's Threads**  
by  
**Clara Woodall-Moran,**  
**Webmaster**

**W**e are working on making the calendar a bit more user friendly. We've been told that having two areas for the new and current months did not provide the assistance I thought it would because I had to create two separate bookmarks.

We are also adding links to the rest of the pages for those buttons that do not show in some browser windows. This will alleviate some problems with that. In addition to the abovementioned changes, all flyers and forms will be available in PDF format for the ease of printing, etc.

Check out the archives at <http://www.flatoday.com> for pictures of Dragon Point. This concrete and steel structure guarded the entrance to Merritt Island, overlooking the river. During the storms of the late July and early August, the structure weakened to the point it fell into the water. If you have a chance, go to the newspaper website and check out the pictures: mere newsprint can't do them justice.

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**We Have....**



**The Answers!**

1. *parental - prenatal*
2. *lea - ale*
3. *amen - mane*
4. *shout - south*
5. *rescind - cinders*