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# GAIPA BAY SOUNDING



*The "Tribute in Light" memorial used 88 spotlights to create two 50-foot squares of light that shone a mile into the sky from Ground Zero, a tribute to those lost at the World Trade Center on September 11. The tribute was illuminated for 32 days starting March 11. More information about the Tribute in Light Project can be found at: <http://www.imagineny.org>.  
Photographer: unknown.*

**KUSHNER'S KORNER***A Great Crewe All Round**Maxine Kushner, LocSec*

You hold in your hands Tampa Bay Mensa's annual printing of the Crewe List. This useful publication is a great tool for getting in touch with other members. At the very least, you can read through the comments members submitted about themselves and get to know each other — on paper, anyway. And do let Mary know that you appreciate her work. Having put the Crewe List together for the last three years, I know what a long and tedious job it is.

By the time you read this, Testing Coordinator Teri Elston will have conducted the August testing session. On October 19, Mensa groups around the country will participate in National Testing Day. If you have any friends, family, or colleagues who might be interested in testing for admission to Mensa, please have them get in touch with us.

Another local and national event coming up is the annual scholarship competition. It is open to anyone who resides within Tampa Bay Mensa's boundaries. Contact information can be found on the AML web site: <http://tampa.us.mensa.org>.

An upcoming event that I'm looking forward to is the barbecue and

campout that member Chris Clement is hosting in Brooksville. This weekend get together has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3. Just like the Spring Picnic, TBM will provide beef and veggie burgers, hot dogs, and condiments. You bring drinks and sides. There will be more information in next month's *Sounding*. If you would like more information now, or would like to see photos of the campout site, go to the information page that Chris has set up: [www.micrometer.com/bv.htm](http://www.micrometer.com/bv.htm).

Member Chris Drumm got a mention in the *Tampa Tribune* recently. Columnist Kevin Walker wrote a piece on local game players. Mr. Walker wrote that he was contacted by members of Tampa Bay Mensa who gather three times a month to play games. Chris shared some information on Mensa Mind Games, and he included it in his article.

If you read the June FSM report in the August *Sounding*, you might have noticed a line saying that a pair of glasses had been left behind. This statement was of great interest to a certain FSM attendee (who answers when I call him "son"), home from college for the summer, who had just

spent the several weeks following FSM searching through our home for his missing glasses, squinting all the while. He was *so* sure that the last place he saw them was here. His music teacher said he must have

joined the Alzheimer's chapter of Mensa. . . .

Until next month —

*Maxine*

*maxine.kushner@verizon.net*



## *Letters to the Editor*

*Re: "Dare to Dream," Mary W. Matthews, July 2002*

Dear MWM:

Making 20 July a holiday is not a new idea. Shortly after Apollo 11 the suggestion was made in Congress and even at the United Nations. My guess it will happen some day.

I was working at the Cape area during the Apollo days, and have many memories. I have had several articles published about my experiences then, both in and outside of Mensa (e.g., the July 1999 *Sound-ing* and the Nov./Dec. 2001 *Bulletin*, as well as commercial papers).

There was a spirit of that era that can be best summed up in JFK's speech: "We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard."

Tom Reesor  
Conway, SC

*Re: "E-Mail and Public Prayer," Dave Bryant, August 2002*

Dave Bryant writes, in his essay

"E-Mail and Public Prayer": "I know many have taken this separation of church and state concept to absurd extremes. Atheists, anarchists, communists and well-meaning liberals have used this concept to tear down our society to advance their twisted versions of Utopia."

Hey, Dave, here is MY twisted vision of Utopia: You stop generalizing. You stop trotting out Cold War rhetoric. You stop requiring of me that I worship a god — ANY god. All I ask, in my Utopia, is to be left in peace and not called names because I do not happen to believe as you do.

I am aware that the United States was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. I don't complain if my money has "In God we trust" on it, even though I happen to think God as pointless as the Tooth Fairy. I don't even care if we require kids to recite the Pledge of Allegiance with the "under God" clause, even though that was a politically correct insertion made at the height of the McCarthy era. I don't mind that churches in this country don't pay

property taxes (depends upon the property and jurisdiction) or that religions fail to pull their share of the financial load in other ways (I think they make it up in good works and it's a wash).

I don't mind, in other words, paying to support a religious society even

though I do not avail myself of the religions supported. All I want is for you to get off my case about it. You have my money, my citizenship, my support of this nation. Spare me the cheap shots.

Stephen Morrill  
Tampa

## Department of Amplification

A software glitch erased the last line of page 3 in the August *Sounding*. The witticism "Sometimes loud laughter can be infectious, but this time it was merely diseased" came from Dave Harper, as quoted in the July 2002 *San Diego Mensa*.

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I originally received the article entitled "No Profiling Allowed" from not one but two, unrelated e-mail correspondents, and published it thinking it was the same sort of anonymous, public-domain piece as the newest list of light-bulb jokes or church bulletin mistakes. A member of TBM became violently upset. He wrote a letter to our LocSec, publishing it on the tbm-discussion list, that accused me of writing it myself because I am a racist, nationalist, Islam-hating god-Nazi. He demanded that I be fired as editor of the *Sounding* and drawn,

quartered, and boiled in oil — not necessarily in that order.

A quick web search, first by Maxine and then by me, revealed:

— The article was published by Kit Menkin on April 18, 2002, at <http://www.stumps.org/stumps/messages/3150.html>.

— The article was published anonymously on April 24 at [http://www.restoringamerica.org/archive/war/profiling\\_justified.html](http://www.restoringamerica.org/archive/war/profiling_justified.html).

— I also found 32 other versions of the test published by people like Joe Bryan (May 1), "John C" (May 14), the Bayshore Baptist Church (on South Drive in an undisclosed city), and "a friend in California," on dates ranging between May 13 and August 18.

— The article was published in the August 2002 issue of *L.A. Mentary*, the newsletter of Greater Los Angeles-Area Mensa, under the pseudonym of a GLAAM member.

— MWM

**THE TENTH STORY***Space Coast Area Mensa**Elissa Rudolph, R. V.C.*

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!



**FOLD, SPINDLE, & MUTILATE***Jumping July FSM**Dana Groulx*

There was a large crowd on hand for the July FSM. Thanks to Frank Clarke, Pete Cohoon, Don Davis, Chris Drumm, Dana Groulx, John Groulx, Ken Grundberg, Willa Harrison, Barbara Loewe, Max Loick, Richard Manno, Kathy Zadorozny, and Sylvia Zadorozny. With this size of a group, the work went by quickly.

Afterward, Dana and John gave a sample of the next big music format: DVD Audio. Each DVD is remixed from the original master tapes and different instruments and frequencies are sent to discrete audio channels. Unlike CDs, DVDs use a lossless compression routine. The sound difference is amazing. If you thought that going from an old scratchy record to a CD was an improvement, this is even more of one.

A few people stayed on until early evening to play games. We played Times Up and several rounds of Taboo.

Our next FSM will be hosted by Max Loick, our heroic Interim Circulation Officer. (We are still looking for a "real" one; contact Max or Mary Matthews for details.)

Directions to Max Loick's place:

— *From I-275*, take the I-375 spur into downtown, where it be-

comes 4th Avenue North. Take the spur all the way in, and be in the right lane at the traffic light. Our apartment building, the Peterborough Apartments, is at 440 4th Ave. N. If you're stopped at the light, you can see our building ahead and right. The two-hour parking limit is not in force weekends.

At this intersection, 5th St. and 4th Ave. N, the Colosseum is on the left, the shuffle-board and chess club are on the right. A large Lutheran church (Trinity) is ahead left, and our building is ahead right.

Enter the lobby and turn right.

— *From any local area*, take I 6th St. or 9th or 4th to get to 4th Avenue and 5th Street N. Beware of one-way streets!

*Next FSM:**Sunday, September 22**2 p.m.**Host: Max Loick**St. Petersburg*

**T B C A L E N D A R T B C A L E N D A R T B C A L E N D A R T B**

## *September 2002 Calendar*

*Dana Groulx, Interim Calendar Editor*

Mensa events are open to all Mensans, their spouses, and accompanied guests. A party at a private home is a private event, and who may or may not attend is at the complete discretion of the host. Pets mentioned in the calendar are NOT optional.

Dana Groulx has resigned as calendar editor, effective August 26. If you would like to see any more of a calendar next month than the minimum required by AML, please contact any member of the ExComm to volunteer to become the new calendar editor. September 10 is the deadline for a regular-style calendar (if we have one).

**Hosts:** Please remember to mention any special concerns about your location, such as limited access for the handicapped, smoking restrictions, or presence of pets.

**Guests:** If you have special needs or restrictions, it is prudent to discuss them with your host before attending an event.

*September 4th, 18th – Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. - \$2*

### **CHILDREN'S GAME DAY/PLAY DAY**

For ages 0-10. Come join us. Bring your favorite games. For directions contact:

Linne Katz — 727-372-9438 —  
 LINNEKATZ@aol.com

10037 Wheatland Road — New Port Richey

*September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – Thursdays – 12:30 p.m. - \$*

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

We meet at Piccadilly Cafeteria, on 11810 North Dale Mabry Highway (next to Barnes and Noble Bookstore), in Tampa. For directions, descriptions, and/or encouragement to attend, call:

Jim Perry — 813-837-3473 — philart@gte.net

**T B C A L E N D A R T B C A L E N D A R T B C A L E N D A R T B**

*September 7th – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. – \$1*

**MOVIE NIGHT**

After a six-year hiatus, movie night returns to the home of John and Dana Groulx. Movies will be shown on a wide-screen HDTV plasma television using a progressive-scan DVD player. The sound system will put you right in the movie. You will feel the vibrations through your seat. If loud sounds bother you, please bring earplugs. Come at 7:30 p.m. to socialize and vote on which movie to see. The movie will start at 8:00 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

**Directions:** Head north on I-75. Exit at State Road 54 and turn left (west). Go through the signal at Old Pasco Road. The first right turn after the signal will be the Lexington Oaks subdivision. After turning in, look for Belmont Village, which is the second village on your left. Dana's house is the fifth house on the left side.

Dana Groulx – 813-991-7868 – [dgroulx@mac.com](mailto:dgroulx@mac.com)  
5410 Bold Venture Place – Wesley Chapel

*September 10th, 24th – Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. - \$*

**TAMPA DINNER AT GINO'S RESTAURANT**

Please join us for dinner at Gino's Restaurant. We meet in the dining room around 6:30 p.m. Gino's (813-933-1089) is located at 10006 N. Armenia Avenue in Tampa. For more information contact:

Celeste Terken – 813-933-8700 –  
[onlyeaze@gte.net](mailto:onlyeaze@gte.net)

*September 12th – Thursday – 7:30 a.m. – \$*

**MID-PINELLAS BREAKFAST SIG**

Leave your home a bit early, and join us for breakfast on your way into work. The location is the Village Inn at Walsingham and Vonn Roads in Largo, bright and early at 7:30 a.m. Please call me in advance so I know how much space to reserve when I get there early.

Lori Puterbaugh – 727-399-2419 –  
[puterbaugh@mindspring.com](mailto:puterbaugh@mindspring.com)

*September 14th – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. - \$2*

**GAMES NIGHT**

Now Labor Day has come and gone, and autumn's almost

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## *Happy September Birthday to:*



1	James T. Bryant	17	Terri Elston
	Vincent A. DiNapoli		Cynthia DeBerry Fisher
	Barbara Ray		Christina Sawyer
2	Mark Sawyer	18	Gary M. Bachener
	Thomas George Thomas	19	Robert A. Angel
3	Chester L. Rees	20	Delphine Jenness
4	Lee Miele		Carol Lee Morrison
7	Martha Ratigan		Brigitte M. Walker
8	Kurt P. Goebel	21	David K. Palmer
8	Michael Andrew Keach	22	Michelle C. Taylor
9	Norman B. Cleghorn	23	James V. Johnston
	Ralph R. Smith	24	Eric J. Dehlinger
12	Dennis Wilcoxon		David McNeely
13	Tom Penkethman		Thomas P. Vena
	Mary L. Sanchez	25	Forrest Hurst Ford
15	James L. Eskald	26	Jay Edwin Hines
16	Charles Godfrey	27	Sharon Baugher
	Caroline MacDowell	29	Bernard Joshua Spector
17	Catherine Barnard	30	George K. Hall

## *Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa!*


Michael Fouse *	Todd R. Jennings*
Florence J. Frain	Robert A. Pressner
Scott M. Holloway*	Robert Earl Summers
Robert M. Jacubec	Linda D. Terrell

\* = New member; others are moves in or reinstatements

TAMPA BAY MENSAS  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1	<b>2</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	3	<b>4</b> <i>Child Game/...</i> at Lin... New Po... 2 p...
8	<b>9</b> <i>Submit your contributions to the Sounding and schedule your October events by tomorrow, please.</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Tampa Dinner</i> at Gino's Restaurant Tampa, 6:30 p.m.	11
<b>15</b>  <i>Grandparents' Day</i>	16	17	<b>18</b> <i>Child Game/...</i> at Lin... New P... 2
<b>22</b> <i>FSM</i> at Max Loick's St. Pete, 2 p.m.	23	<b>24</b> <i>Tampa Dinner</i> at Gino's Restaurant Tampa, 6:30 p.m.	25
29	30		

EVENTS CALENDAR  
 October 2002


WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Children's            Play Day            at the Katz's            Court Richey,            10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>Lunch Bunch</i>            at Piccadilly Cafeteria            Tampa, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Movie Night</i>            at Dana Groulx's            Wesley Chapel,            7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Children's            Play Day            at the Katz's            Court Richey,            10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Mid-Pinellas            Breakfast Group</i>            at Village Inn            Largo, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>—</p> <p><i>Lunch Bunch</i>            at Piccadilly Cafeteria            Tampa, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>Games Night</i>            at Sylvia Zadorozny's            Oldsmar, 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Children's            Play Day            at the Katz's            Court Richey,            10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Lunch Bunch</i>            at Piccadilly Cafeteria            Tampa, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Card Night</i>            at Terri Elston's            Clearwater, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p>Children's            Play Day            at the Katz's            Court Richey,            10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Lunch Bunch</i>            at Piccadilly Cafeteria            Tampa, 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>TGIF</i>            at Horse &amp; Jockey            South Pasadena,            5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Games Night</i>            at Chris Drumm's            Wesley Chapel,            7:30 p.m.</p>

## Don't Panic!

The calendar "grid" is still in the centerfold. We have reversed the printing order of these two "spreads" (pp. 34-31 and pp. 32-33) to catch your attention.

Former calendar editor Dana Groulx has resigned effective August 26. *If you wish to see any more of a calendar than the minimum required by American Mensa, Ltd., now is the time to volunteer your services.* This is not a demanding job (Dana says she averaged about two hours a month), but it is an important one.

Tampa Bay Mensa also still needs a circulation officer to replace Max

Loick, who resigned his position in 1999, but agreed to step in on an emergency basis when former circulation officer Mary Matthews became editor of the *Sounding*. The TBM circulation officer should either live in Pinellas County or not object to traveling to its main post office (First Ave. N. and 31st St.) once a month. The circulation officer rounds up a host for FSM; supervises FSM; does the paperwork required by the Postal Service; and takes the newsletters to the Business Mail Entry Unit — so having a car (or an understanding friend) is a good idea. 



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here, / It's time to leave your cares behind and join me for good cheer. / Play games all night (till who-knows-when), and chat, and munch on chips, / And sweets and fruit and veggies too, but please bring your own dips. / A word of warning: I have cats, though often they will hide. / And there's one favor I must ask: please keep all smoke outside. / Come play fun games and make new friends; it's not too hard to do. / We really are quite sociable — now all we need is you!

Sylvia Zadorozny — 813-855-4939 —  
 szadorozny@aol.com  
 651 Timber Bay Circle West — Oldsmar (see map in  
 mapquest.com)

*September 20th – Friday – 7:30 p.m. – \$2*

**CARD GAMES & GREAT SNACKS**

Love Card Games? Bring your favorite deck of cards & your favorite game(s). Teach your game to us, learn a new one, and/or play an old one! Smoking on patio only. Four indoor cats are on board. Hope to see you all!

On Top Of The World - West side of Belcher or call for directions. Parking on street or in visitor (V) spaces. Please do not park in numbered (assigned) spaces.

Terri Elston — 727-799-1151— TeriProfsr@aol.com  
 2294 Swedish Drive #18 — Clearwater

*September 22nd – Sunday – 2:00 p.m. - Free*

**FSM**

September's FSM will be at Max Loick's in St. Petersburg. Don't worry about missing the Buccaneer game, they play on Monday night this week.

**Directions to Max Loick's place:**

— From I-275, take the I-375 spur into downtown, where it becomes 4th Avenue North. Take the spur all the way in, and be in the right lane at the traffic light. Our apartment building, the Peterborough Apartments, is at 440 4th Ave. N. If you're stopped at the light, you can see our building ahead and right. The two-hour parking limit is not in force weekends.

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the right. A large Lutheran church (Trinity) is ahead left, and our building is ahead right.

Enter the lobby and turn right.

— From any local area, take 16th St. or 9th or 4th to get to 4th Avenue and 5th Street N. Beware of one-way streets!

Max Loick — 727-896-4270

September 27th — Friday — 5:30 p.m. — \$

**TGIF**

You don't have to be an Anglophile to enjoy the Horse & Jockey British Pub, but you do have to be prepared to celebrate TGIF! The Horse & Jockey is located at 1155 Pasadena Avenue South, South Pasadena. RE SMOKING: This is a pub and smoking is allowed, but smokers are asked to sit at the table nearest the bar. Dana Groulx will be guest hosting this month, as we eagerly await the return of Dan & Phoebe McCann in October.

Dana Groulx — 813-991-7868 — [dgroulx@mac.com](mailto:dgroulx@mac.com)

September 28th — Saturday — 7:30 p.m. — \$2

**GAMES NIGHT**

This month's Last Saturday Rotating Games Night will be held at Chris Drumm's in Wesley Chapel.

**Directions:** *From Tampa and South Pinellas:* North on I-275 until it merges with I-75. Exit on State Road 54 — turn left at signal. Drive west on 54 for one mile, passing the signal at Old Pasco Road. Turn right into the Lexington Oaks subdivision. Drive about one mile, turn right into the Churchill Villas. This is a gated community, so you will need to dial our extension on the key pad. Press # and you will see a directory; the Drumm extension is 604. Proceed through the gate a short distance, turn right onto Gallant Fox Ct. Our house is in the cul-de-sac on the left — 5604 Sir Barton Ct. *From North Pinellas and West Pasco:* Take State Road 54 east. When you are at State Road 54 and Rt. 41, you will drive about 8 miles northeast to the Lexington Oaks subdivision. Turn left into Lexington Oaks, drive about one mile, turn right into the Churchill Villas — then see instructions above.

Chris Drumm — 813-973-8095 —  
[candjdrumm@cs.com](mailto:candjdrumm@cs.com)

5604 Sir Barton Ct. — Wesley Chapel

## Thank God It's Friday

Gitti Walker

With Phoebe McCann on vacation up north, her dear friend Gitti Walker took over hostess duties for the July meeting. This being one of the "slow" months of the year, we only had a hard-core group of the utterly faithful. Present were: Dana Groulx, Dan Chesnut, Ronnie Dubs, Bill Emard, our perpetual guest, and yours truly. Even though we only

numbered five, we had one of the liveliest discussions in a long time, centered around party loyalty and other political issues. In other words, we had a blast! The beer was good, too. . . .

See you in August, when Dana will assume hostess honors, while Gitti Walker is in Colorado. Thank you, Dana!

HTRSUT POMOV PSVHSVOI FP HTO BDA

RQ BSJSVK, KOH F DIYRPFCT KRS,

F DY DP FPHOBONHSDB NTDA,

DPI HTFPZ RQ HTFPUC HTDH

GRSBI DCHRPFCT KRS.

— G.C. UFBLOVH



### *Classified Advertisement:*

One Mensa T-shirt for sale — yellow, size small. Type on front says, "Hold it, Scotty! I just discovered Mensa!!!" \$10, call 813-963-3196, or e-mail [Dedicated1776@aol.com](mailto:Dedicated1776@aol.com) to inquire.

**RECOVERING Q ANKEE***The Midget and the Giant**Mary W. Matthews*

Once upon a time, a midget hated a giant.

The giant had the most access to riches in the village, by far. The midget's people controlled most of the wealth in the entire world (oil and gas), but they wouldn't give the midget more than a tiny pittance.

The giant freely gave gifts to almost everyone in the village. The midget took the giant's gifts and despised the giant even more.

The giant was very popular. Almost everyone wanted to dress like the giant and play with the giant's toys. The midget was certain that he was a better person than the "decadent" giant and that he deserved the giant's riches, power, and popularity far more than the giant did.

The giant was committed to freedom. The midget and his people were committed to a religion whose most fundamental principle was theocratic totalitarianism.

The midget's religion promised that it was the most perfect religion that had ever been or ever would be. The midget's god promised that everyone in the Universe was predestined to burn in Hell for all eternity, except for midgets and a few of their women possessions. The midget's god commanded all midgets to force others to accept

his religion or kill them.\* The giant, on the other hand, thought that no one should force anyone else to worship in a certain way, or indeed at all.

The midget decided that his god would be best pleased by the destruction of the giant. For more than ten years, the midget put sugar in the giant's gas tanks, burned down the giant's tool sheds, and smashed the giant's garden statuary. It seemed as though the giant hardly even noticed the midget's existence — which only made the midget hate the giant more.

So one day, without provocation, the midget took a sword and chopped off the giant's toe. Then the midget ran into the bramble forest and hid. The wounded giant, with the help or sympathy of everyone in the village who wasn't a midget, burned down the house of the midget's evil landlord. This didn't make anyone feel much better, except the landlord's women possessions.

The giant is searching the bramble forest, but it's not much fun (that stump still hurts), and the midget has

\*Sura 3:19, 5:3, 3:110, 55:77, 85:21-22 (perfection), Sura 57:22, 7:179, 87:2-3, 4:151,155, 9:51 (predestination), Sura 9:4-6, 3:83, 4:91, 2:191-93, 8:39, 8:65 (divinely sanctioned murder of unbelievers), and a rock-bottom minimum of 100 citations related to the three topics (I stopped counting).



every motive in the world to stay well out of the giant's reach.

I have no idea what will happen next in this story. Any peaceful overtures from the giant would merely convince the midget of the ultimate success of his plan to destroy the giant.

In an ideal world, the midget could be brought to understand that what he did was wrong, to sincerely apologize and to make amends. But the midget's hatred is such an obsession that he is deaf to everyone except other midgets. The other midgets say the hate-filled midget did not cut off the giant's toe, that it was actually done by the giant's brother. All the midgets hate the giant's brother, because the religion of the giant's brother gave birth to their own, and yet the brother still clings to it rather than recognizing the perfection of the midgets' religion. They also hate the brother because he lives among the midgets and manages to be more successful than they are (with their perfect religion) — even though they're all trying to destroy the brother, or at least want to. The midgets are certain that the brother's success could only be the giant's doing.

In other words, since this is not an ideal world, atonement and reconciliation would take a miracle. All we can do is seek justice. Meanwhile we must guard against another attack and work at getting the midgets to understand that terrorism is evil in the eyes of any god worthy of the name.


And we must do it while resolutely declaring to the entire village that our quest is not about vengeance but jus-

tice, and that religion has nothing to do with the situation. If this were about religion, the giant's friends would accuse the giant of being a bully and a gorilla. If this were about religion, soon everyone in the village would be getting into fistfights. If this were about religion, one of the giant's legs would become spastic and start kicking the other leg.

Moreover, it really *isn't* about religion; that's just the toe-chopper's rationalization. True practitioners of the midget's religion take it seriously. The midget and his minions enjoyed such "giant" entertainments as strip joints, karaoke clubs, and, in Florida, lap-dancing. There is nothing in the midget's holy books in favor of strip clubs and lap-dancing. The toe-chopper and his closest friends (including the evil landlord) practice not a religion, but a political ideology closely similar to Marxism-Leninism and virtually indistinguishable from fascism.

This being the case, I think that the giant should not get distracted by the red herring of religion — distasteful as the midget's strange ideas are to those who have not been indoctrinated from birth about their god-given perfection.

The giant should focus on fighting fascism disguised as religion. The emphasis should be on the benefits of democracy and free enterprise and the ills of totalitarianism.

And p.s., you jerks: Women are people too, and I don't give a fig what Sura 4:34, 2:223-28, and similar citations say otherwise. 

**DONNA'S DIARY***For British History Buffs**Donna Myhrer*

Here is a quiz on the royal families of England and Great Britain. For each question, I will name two monarchs, and all you have to do to tell what their relationship was.



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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Jane Grey to Edward VI | 8. Henry III to John         |
| A. daughter               | A. first cousin              |
| B. sister                 | B. nephew                    |
| C. first cousin           | C. son                       |
| 2. George III to George I | 9. Henry IV to Richard II    |
| A. son                    | A. son                       |
| B. great-grandson         | B. first cousin              |
| C. nephew                 | C. brother                   |
| 3. Victoria to George IV  | 10. Edward V to Richard III  |
| A. sister                 | A. nephew                    |
| B. wife                   | B. son                       |
| C. niece                  | C. brother                   |
| 4. Henry I to William II  | 11. Elizabeth II to George V |
| A. brother                | A. niece                     |
| B. nephew                 | B. granddaughter             |
| C. son                    | C. daughter                  |
| 5. Stephen to William I   | 12. William IV to George III |
| A. brother                | A. brother                   |
| B. grandson               | B. son                       |
| C. son                    | C. grandson                  |
| 6. Henry VII to Edward IV | 13. George I to James I      |
| A. son-in-law             | A. son                       |
| B. nephew                 | B. grandson                  |
| C. son                    | C. great-grandson            |
| 7. John to Richard I      | 14. William III to Mary II   |
| A. nephew                 | A. brother                   |
| B. brother                | B. father                    |
| C. brother-in-law         | C. husband                   |

15. Anne to William III

- A. sister-in-law
- B. aunt
- C. sister

16. Elizabeth I to Edward VI

- A. granddaughter
- B. niece
- C. sister

17. James I to Henry VIII

- A. great-grand nephew
- B. nephew
- C. grandson

18. Edward II to Edward I

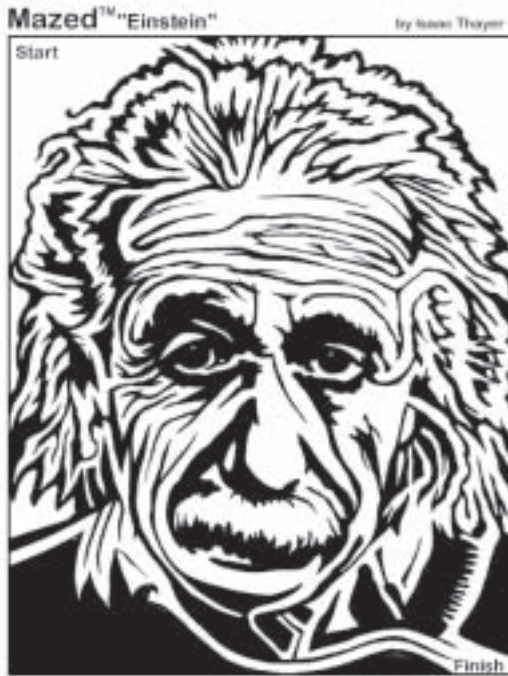
- A. brother
- B. nephew
- C. son

19. Edward VIII to Edward VII

- A. nephew
- B. grandson
- C. son

20. Mary I to Henry VIII

- A. daughter
- B. niece
- C. wife



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**ANSWERS TO DONNA'S DIARY.**

- 20. A
- 19. B
- 18. C
- 17. A

- 16. C
- 15. A
- 14. C
- 13. C

- 12. B
- 11. B
- 10. A
- 9. B

- 8. C
- 7. B
- 6. A
- 5. B

- 4. A
- 3. C
- 2. B
- 1. C

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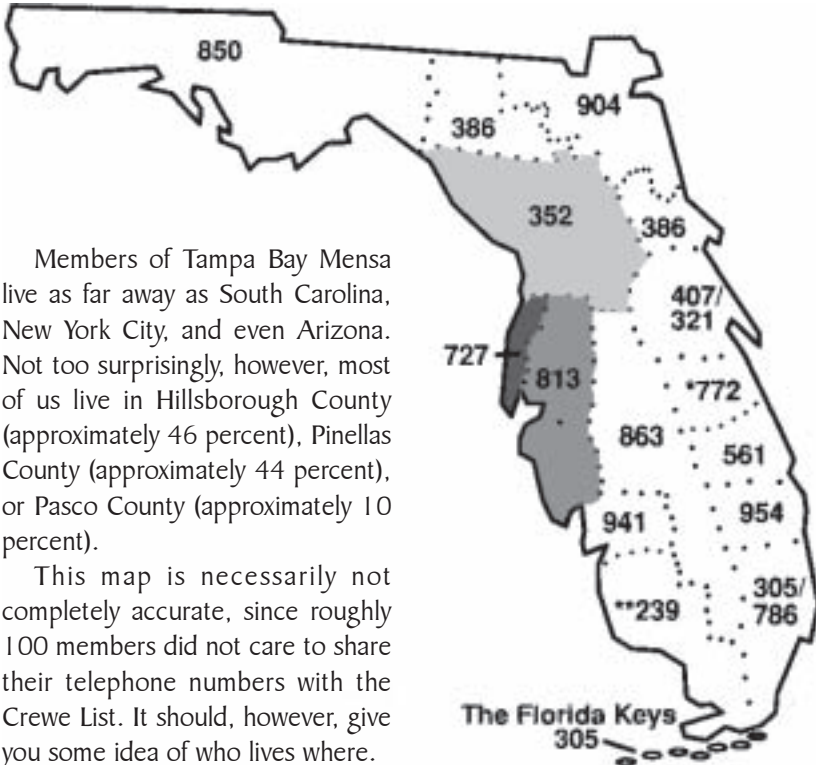
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