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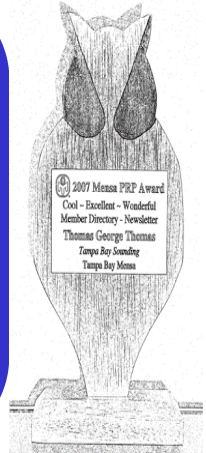
# Tampa Bay Sounding

This month's Guest Editor: Theresa Hohmann

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2. U.S. Mail — Thomas G. Thomas, 27647 Sky Lake Circle, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 (Telephone 813-994-3981)

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## LOCSEC'S REPORT

*Thomas George Thomas*

HERE WE ARE IN THE heat of a West Florida summer. TBM tends to slow down this time of year, based on my review of the past couple of years. Prospects don't show up for tests, fewer new activities appear on the calendar, and many of our members flee for cooler climates.

But this doesn't mean there isn't plenty going on. For one thing, Dana Groulx will kick off our planning for next year's Regional Gathering on July 21<sup>st</sup> with a pool party. Of course this has already happened, but there will be more meetings! Our Gathering is one of the major Florida events each year, and volunteers are what make it happen. Along with the committee that worked on this year's **ARRR-R G!** (Dana Groulx, Kathy Crum, Sylvia Zadorozny, Theresa Hohmann, Maxine Kushner, Barbara Loewe, Richard Manno, Dan Chesnut and Ronan Heffernan), there were also other major contributors from our chapter: **Jane Davis**, who presented a talk on Australia - **Vicky Foust**, who hosted a delicious and decadent Chocolate Treasures dessert feast - **Sandy Davanzo**, who guided a crafts project to create Treasure Chests for people to take home their loot as well as offering substantial help in the hospitality suite, plus all the other people who pitched in while the neophyte Honcho (er, that would be **me**) got his feet wet by going in over his head with the event! Fortunately, the errors of this year are lessons learned for next year, and most people have told me they had a good time. I'll take that as a good sign - as evidenced by the recent Annual Gathering in Birmingham, Mensans are not shy about telling those in charge when something is amiss! (See the Member Forums at <http://www.us.mensa.org> for more details.)

But the major order of business is our search for a new Editor. We are well known for our newsletter, and this year took the National Publication Recognition Program award for Outstanding Newsletter (Large Group), and they created a special award for "Cool - Excellent - Wonderful Member Directory - Newsletter" (really, that's the name of the award; it's printed on the plaque!).

Theresa Hohmann has stepped in this month as guest editor, and Sylvia Zadorozny is on deck for next month, but we need someone to take it on permanently. I can attest that it's quite rewarding, so please contact me if you're interested in the position.

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**EDITORS NOTE***Theresa Hohmann*

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**DEBATE CHALLENGE***Ronnie Dubs*

There are political divisions in our world concerning issues which are not political by nature and I do not see why we at Tampa Bay Mensa cannot shine a spotlight of reason onto some of these issues with rational formal debate.

I, for one, have carefully looked at the issue of Man Made Global Warming and I am more convinced than ever the idea that man has impacted the temperature of this planet in any significant way, to be not only wrong but to be a deliberate Hoax, or should I say scheme, by some in our society who are using the natural variation of the earth's climate as a vehicle to attack the Capitalist system and as an excuse for future government tax increases at the same time.

I, therefore, propose a debate and challenge anyone in Tampa Bay Mensa who believes in the Man Made Global Warming theory to that debate.

Considering all of the "scientific consensus" which supposedly exists to support this theory debating me on it should be an easy task.

I will acquiesce to any format or venue, but believe we would need an impartial moderator, and a fact checker using online Internet to instantly verify what's presented as fact. In addition to that, we would need a place to hold this debate (perhaps a school, library, or private home). Please anyone willing to accept my challenge or with any ideas how we may bring this to fruition please contact me at [rndubs@hotmail.com](mailto:rndubs@hotmail.com) with DEBATE in the subject line.



## Welcome to Tampa Bay Mensa

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| * Jessica Helene   | * James Maraffi     |
| Helphrey           | * Sean Meinsen      |
| Eloise Riley Hurst | * Ryan Sullivan     |
| Roy W Jahnke       | * Bryce Wade        |
| * Weston Lanpher   | Robert William Webe |

*\*= new member; others are moves in, preferences in, or reinstatements.*

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Kenneth Kaplan 2 Michael LaBance 2 Leo Richard Reilly 3 Robert Johnson 4 Josh DeFamio 4 Edmund Marks 6 Michael Robert Clifford 7 Katherine Whalen Crum 7 Peter Forret 7 Joan Lyn Gutek 8 Karl Bambas 9 Trude Katherine Diamond 9 Matthew Lewis Snook 12 Jamie Heuer 15 Darrin Rosamond 16 John Wesley Parker 17 Mark Dyer 18 James Shelton	20 Jean Chambliss 20 Don Robinson 21 James McCullough 21 Matthew O'Neil 22 Steven Burden 22 Anne McFarlane 23 James Klein 23 Andrew Maxim 23 Karen Payne 26 Charles Arant 26 Carl Hammen 26 Francis Wellman 27 Donald Davis 28 Neil Lewis 28 Edward Michael Roots Jr. 29 Martha Metcalf 31 Lisa Wilson
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## APRIL MENSAVERSARIES

33 Years	Barbara Counts	13 Years	Carl Hammen
33 Years	William Lee Dennis	9 Years	Kevin Drew
28 Years	Kurt Goebel	6 Years	Randall Chan-A-Shing
26 Years	Marvin Ivey	5 Years	Ronald Baker
25 Years	Gary Posner	5 Years	Jessica Cameron
23 Years	John Stanley Keeling Jr	4 Years	Robert Sidney Quinn III
23 Years	Marsha Patterson Raymond	4 Years	John Reece
22 Years	Lawrence Edward (Bud) Urban	3 Years	Thomas Handcock
21 Years	Mona Cafone	2 Years	Angela Clem
19 Years	William Jack Amos	2 Years	Scott Davies
19 Years	Marc Wojcik	2 Years	Jill Flansburg
18 Years	John Bryant	1 Year	Steven Burden
17 Years	Patrick Thomas Rooney	1 Year	Catherine Dazevedo
16 Years	Frank Kulisky	1 Year	Kevin Kucharz
14 Years	Jay Edwin Hines	1 Year	James Shelton
13 Years	Susan Dunlevy	1 Year	John Russell Sims
		1 Year	Terry Thome*

*Mensaversaries come from the membership list provided by national Mensa; some may represent rejoin dates after a lapse in membership.*



Former Editor and Current LocSec, Thomas Thomas at the Birmingham Annual Gathering after receiving two PRP awards.

**2007 PRP AWARDS**  
**CLAIRE NATOLA, CHAIR**

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**2007 PRINT AWARDS**

Category/Newsletter	Editor(s)
<b>Owl</b> <i>The 4M</i> , Manasota Mensa	Edgar F. Coudal
<b>Calendar</b> <i>The Mitensan</i> , Middle Tennessee Mensa	Dan Brown
<b>Member Recognition</b> <i>i.e.</i> , Inland Empire Mensa	Sonja Struthers
<b>Overall Presentation</b> <i>Redwood Mpire News</i> , Redwood Empire Mensa	Nancy Flack
<b>Overall Entertainment</b> <i>Tucson Mensun</i> , Tucson Mensa	Pati Pate
<b>Local Reporting</b> <i>Mensagenda</i> , Minnesota Mensa	Bill Conlan
<b>Mensa Awareness</b> <i>Tucson Mensun</i> , Tucson Mensa	Pati Pate
<b>Outstanding Newsletter — Large Group</b> <i>Tampa Bay Sounding</i> , Tampa Bay Mensa	Thomas George Thomas
<b>Outstanding Newsletter — Medium Group</b> <i>The 4M</i> , Manasota Mensa	Edgar F. Coudal
<b>Outstanding Newsletter — Small Group</b> <i>Mensokie</i> , Central Oklahoma Mensa	Nancy Park
<i>Special Mention Award</i>	
<b>Cool — Excellent — Wonderful member directory</b> <i>Tampa Bay Sounding</i> , Tampa Bay Mensa	Thomas George Thomas



## 2006 WEB AWARDS

Category/Newsletter	Webmaster(s)
<b>Owl</b> Borderline Mensa	Doug Miller
<b>Calendar</b> Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa	Lindsey Murray
<b>Overall Presentation</b> Lehigh Pocono Mensa	Adriana Platner
<b>Overall Entertainment</b> Northwest Florida Mensa	Jill Russ
<b>Member Recruitment</b> San Francisco Regional Mensa	Gary Koerzendorfer
<b>Members Only Section</b> Gulf Coast Mensa	Lori Crews
<b>Outstanding Web site - Large Group</b> Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa	Lindsey Murray
<b>Outstanding Web site - Medium Group</b> Lehigh Pocono Mensa	Adriana Platner
<b>Outstanding Web site - Small Group</b> Borderline Mensa	Doug Miller

## 2007 CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Category/Contributor	Work
<b>Poetry</b>	
Tom Wilson, Redwood Empire Mensa	"The Legend Makers"
<b>Fiction</b>	
Karina L. Fabian, North Dakota Mensa	"World Gathering: Magic, Mensa, and Mayhem"
<b>Humor</b>	
Doug Miller, Borderline Mensa	"Missing Owl Mystery Deepens"
<b>Non-Fiction — Mensa Themed</b>	
Ruth Parvin, Oregon Mensa	"Thai Cooking with Mike Yamrick"
<b>Non-Fiction — Essay</b>	
Terry Black, Orange County Mensa	"The Last Frontier"
<b>Puzzles and Games</b>	
Joel Chinkes, Greater Phoenix Mensa	"Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral?"
<b>Artwork</b>	
Nancy Flack, Redwood Empire Mensa	Photos of Bees
<b>Continuing Item</b>	
Cynthia Clampitt, Chicago Area Mensa	"Cheap Eats"

## URBAN COWBOY

*Bud Urban*

### WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE PARIS

I have mentioned MaryElizabeth. We have known each other for ages, but the recent RG was our only extended time together. I'm so glad she found someone to take care of the dog, so she could give me her time, including the dogs' share. We decided that our theme should be: "We'll Always Have Paris." That doesn't keep us from anticipating... Next year's Beach Bash?

I was happy to see that MaryElizabeth and my friends in Mensa got along very well. Isn't she wonderful? She is a games person and said she came forth in the poker tournament. Or maybe fourth. (I boled on the first hand when my straight ran into a flush.)

### SIR BUD?

According to Jay Johnson's column, Sylvia Zadorozny said some things that sounded like she was pushing me for knighthood. Since I have taken several roads less traveled by, I have shared lots of my experiences/endeavors in the Sounding. I felt that if I should long for understanding, the Mensa people might understand. I know that to be great is to be misunderstood, but sometimes it's not that great.

Thank you, Sylvia. When I become a Knight, you will still be a Dame.

### CALLING SIR BORS

An unmarried sow has wandered onto our farm. (Think I might name her Virginia .) This is my chance to get back into the hog field. I'm sure she is single because she has no ring. (They wear them in the nose.)

So if any of you have a boar to lend, I would prefer a Tamworth , but any kind that people in this country usually eat is acceptable. No Vietnamese need apply.

Although it is not the tradition of swine folks that it is in the dog world, I would offer the sire's owner the pick of the litter. But pick the pig up by the hind foot or it will squeal, and then the sow will nail you.

**THE TENTH STORY****(RVC COLUMN FOR REGION 10) – AUGUST 2007***Maggie Truelove*

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Between attending the AG and the vacation we have attached to it, I am not sure I will have computer access when it is the normal time to write my column. We are leaving on said vacation in a matter of minutes. OOPS!

This will need to be quite brief.

I do want to let you know that the LDW plans are set. Mark your calendar for November 3. (I made sure we miss the weekend of the Micro-G in the Keys.) Set your GPS for Plant City. We found a terrific hotel (thanks to Merrell Fortner) right at an I-4 exit, and we contracted a \$75 room rate (which includes full breakfast buffet) for those of you staying over. Your lunch will be provided by the LDW - a lovely full buffet meal.

There will be a maximum of 50 able to attend, including speakers, so make your decision about attending early.

Next month will include full details, including topics planned, hotel info, and how to reserve your space at the LDW.

See you Labor Day Weekend in Ft. Lauderdale for the FLorange a Trois. Details and link to the registration form are on the Region 10 website. ([region10.us.mensa.org](http://region10.us.mensa.org))

And now off to the AG!

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## CALENDAR

### August 2007

*Dana Groulx, 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. While kitty amounts are mandatory, hosts often spend far more than the specified amount. Donations excess of the kitty amount will be appreciated.

Ronan Heffernan (813-732-2310) is the Calendar Editor. Please e-mail your calendar event notices to [Ronan@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Ronan@tampabay.rr.com), or visit <http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal> for complete instructions. Your deadline for the following month's calendar is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

**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.

#### **August 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

##### *Reading Group*

We meet twice per month (on the first and third Wednesday) at the Perkins on Dale Mabry, just north of Kennedy. Bring along books you'd like to exchange or give away.

Ronan Heffernan - 813-732-2310 - [ronansan@gmail.com](mailto:ronansan@gmail.com)

Perkins Restaurant - 612 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

#### **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:philart@gte.net)

<b>August 2007</b>						
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12	13 Second Monday Luncheon 1:00 PM	14	15 Reading Group 7:00 PM	16 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	17 NTN Trivia Night 7:00 PM	18
19 FSM 3:00 PM	20	21	22 MHunch 1:15 PM	23 Lunch Bunch 12:30 PM	24 Fourth Friday Madness 6:00 PM	25 ExComm 3:00 PM  PigSig 6:00 PM  Last Saturday Games Night 7:30 PM
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**August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesdays - 1:15 p.m.***MHunch (Mensa Humpday Lunch)*

Locations: Beef O'Brady's – Lakeland (2nd Wednesday)

Zohra's – Lakeland (4th Wednesday)

PigSig (Tapa Tio's) – Lakeland (4th Saturday)

MHunch is a series of lunches at various locations around the region.  
**MHUNCH events away will be subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest (that means 'yes' RSVPs!)...Your RSVP is important!**  
 Please either email or call me at (863) 701-7109 so we can save a seat at the table for you!

Merrell Fortner – 863-701-7109 – *mini@mindless.com***August 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday - 7:30 a.m.***Breakfast Gathering*

Breakfast Gathering, Village Inn at Walsingham Road in Largo, 7:30 a.m., 2nd Thursday of every month. Gather for food and conversation. Please call Lori Puterbaugh at 727-399-2419 for directions and so we have a headcount.

Lori Puterbaugh - 727-399-2419

**August 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:30 p.m. - \$2***Games Night*

The 11th of August's a day  
 Mensans gather together to play  
 We play games, a whole bunch,  
 While we sip and we munch,  
 Up in Oldsmar, "The Top of the Bay."  
 I must ask those who smoke to step out,  
 And two cats may come roaming about,  
 But if those are okay,  
 Won't you join us today?  
 Make new friends, play fun games--Come on out!

Sylvia Zadorozny - 813-855-4939 - *sylviachocolate@verizon.net*

651 Timber Bay Circle West – Oldsmar (call for directions)



**August 13<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 1:00 p.m.**

*Lunch Date with Vicky - Spring Hill*

MENSA, The High I.Q. Society, meets every second Monday of the month for Lunch at Perkins Restaurant (restaurant address and phone number below). No reservations are necessary; ask for the Mensa table. Your Host will be Vicky Foust, entrepreneur, world traveler, and Queen of Chocolate.

Victoria Foust - 352-596-8242 – [kfoust@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kfoust@tampabay.rr.com)

Perkins Restaurant: 4685 Commercial Way. –  
Spring Hill - 352-596-2223

**August 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday – 7:00 p.m.**

*NTN Trivia - Prime Time in Carrollwood*

Location: Prime Time Sports Grill, 14404 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa  
NTN Satellite Trivia is a nationwide contest held in assorted restaurants and bars in our region. Three short rounds of five questions each are interspersed with breaks for conversation and socializing. We meet in Carrollwood at Prime Time Sports Grill, which puts the trivia games on a BIG screen! Look for the table with our mascot, Owlbert. Come join the party!

Thomas Thomas - 813-994-3981 – [FardleBear@aol.com](mailto:FardleBear@aol.com)

**August 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - 3:00 p.m. - \$2**

*FSM at Maran Fulvi's*

Take US 19 toward Palm Harbor. Turn West on Tampa Rd. (If you're coming from Tampa, Hillsborough Ave. becomes Tampa Rd, so just head west.) The 2nd light is 19th Street. Turn Right (North). 320 is on the right. It's a brown house w/tan trim.

Lost? Call: 727-789-1390

Smoking is outside only (but there are comfy chairs), and two cats and a bunny live here.

Maran Fulvi - 727-789-1390  
320 19th St.- Palm Harbor, Fl 34683

**August 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday - 6:00 p.m.***Fourth Friday Madness*

Come party on down with us every fourth (not necessarily last) Friday at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 6700 U.S. 19 N. in Pinellas Park from 6pm to whenever. This is just southeast of Gandy Boulevard.

Richard Manno - 813-855-4939

**August 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 3:00 p.m.***ExComm Meeting at Barbara Loewe's*

Directions from Tampa and points south: Go north on Hwy 41. Six miles north of SR54, on the right-hand side, is a housing development called "The Groves Golf and Country Club". Turn into the development. After the guard gate, go to the first stop sign and turn right. Go to the next stop sign and turn right. Go one block and turn right onto Nectarine Place. Barbara's house is the second house on the left. Smoking is allowed outside, and there is one dog in residence.

Barbara Loewe - 813-968-3343  
20810 Nectarine Pl. - Land O'Lakes

**August 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 7:30 p.m. - \$2***Last Saturday Games Night*

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**CRYPTOPOEM**

*Sylvia Zadorozny*

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## WHO'S RUNNING THIS SHIP, ANYWAY? BY JAY JOHNSON

If our future lies with our children, then a big part of Mensa's future lies with its Gifted Children Coordinators, and the GCC for Tampa Bay Mensa is Theresa Hohmann. Theresa is uniquely qualified for this job because she is certified as a Teacher for the Gifted and has a gifted child, Isabelle. You may have seen Theresa at the RGs where she has run some activities for the children.

Nationally, there is a Gifted Children's Program Coordinator but there are many local groups that have no coordinator at all. Originally Theresa saw recruitment as a big part of her job, but found it was hard to get the parents involved if they were not Mensans, so now she focuses her efforts on the kids of parents who are members.

For Theresa, all of Mensa is interesting. At every event she meets so many different people and even though they may have varying opinions, they are never boring. As Theresa says, "In my own life I have so many interests that don't overlap, and in Mensa there is always someone who satisfies everything." Mensa is her intellectual Wal-Mart. Theresa loves the RGs because there are so many events squeezed into one weekend, but every event is special all on its own, and the most recent event is always the best by far.

There is no one most interesting person in Mensa as far as Theresa is concerned, everyone stands out in his own right. Some are politically interesting, others have amazing jobs, some go on cool vacations, and on and on. Extraordinary people are a normal part of Mensa events.

Genna Davis. Huh? "Well, if Genna Davis can be in Mensa, so can I," is what the teenage Theresa told herself. Because she had moved a lot as a child, she was not identified as gifted until 6<sup>th</sup> grade, quite late in her school career. She was taken out of her classes and reassigned but when she wasn't doing the busy work she got shifted again. This made her think perhaps they had made a mistake and she wasn't really gifted at all, alas, and she gave up on the idea of Mensa. Then came college and there Theresa began learning about what gifted looks like, and she realized that many of her own qualities were identifiers of gifted so she decided to take the test. She passed. Still thinking that Mensa was a group of people a whole lot smarter than she, worried that she would have nothing to offer, she never went to an activity. It wasn't until TBM was looking for a GCC that Theresa stepped forward and discovered the

real soul of Mensa. Here she discovered people who shared her experiences, shared her quirks, and understood her. Within Mensa Theresa has found all these people who are so different from her expectations, in fact they are just like she is, and often are surprising. Last year at Chris's Camp-Out Theresa brought Jiffy-Pop without realizing you can't use it on a campfire. The first batch burned to a crisp. Instead of everyone there telling her it wouldn't work, everyone tried to figure out how to get it to work. It never did work, but they never gave up. That is the essence of Mensa: like-minded people helping each other, never giving up on anything. And this group especially gets along so well all with one another. Theresa, you just have to raise your expectations.

Mensa has changed her, made her more comfortable with who she is. It was such a relief to learn there was nothing wrong with her just because she didn't fit some kind of arbitrary norm, she was just gifted, and that there are a lot more just like her in Tampa Bay Mensa, and around the Mensa world. We can all relate to that feeling.

Theresa's dream for gifted children is about the same for TBM – expand into further areas, get other local groups involved, make the RG more of a destination so families will be attracted to it.

Theresa found that even though her own daughter loves to go to Mensa events, the current activities are focused more on adults and it is sometimes a bit awkward to have a child in an adult environment. With this in mind, one thing Theresa would love to see happen in the future is more entertaining activities where both adults and children would be welcome. We are certainly a large enough group and there is room for everyone to find or create something perfect for them. Theresa wonders if perhaps other people feel as she did, like an outsider, uncomfortable where you don't know anybody, but that doesn't have to be the case. We can have a great group with loads of activities for all age ranges if a lot more people are an active part of it.

As Theresa says, because Mensa is a volunteer organization, if you want to see it happen you have to help make it happen yourself. Want to join in to make the Gifted Children Group a standout and give your kids some great experiences? See Theresa, she has loads of great ideas.

## ANSWER TO JULY

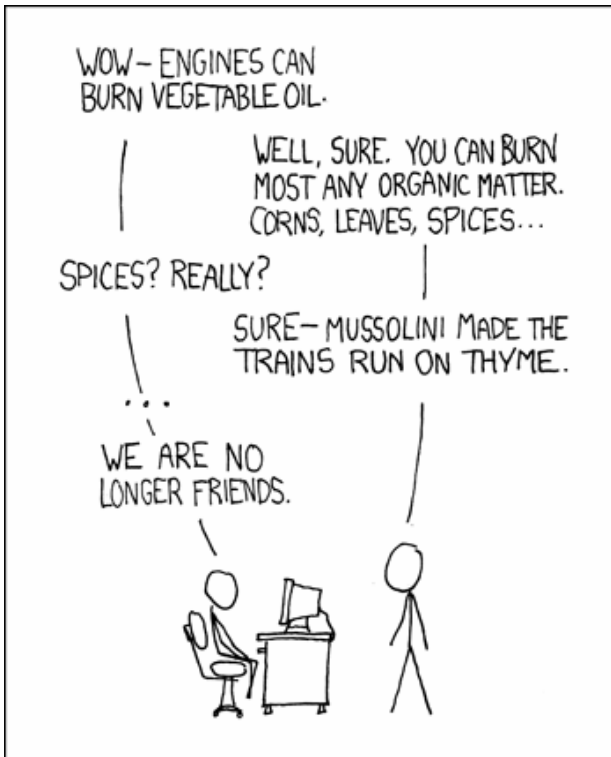
### CRYPTOPOEM

A little light is going by,  
Is going up to see the sky,  
A little light with wings.

I never could have thought of it,  
To have a little bug all lit  
And made to go on wings.

--"Firefly" - Elizabeth Maddox Roberts

### CARTOON FROM XKCD.COM



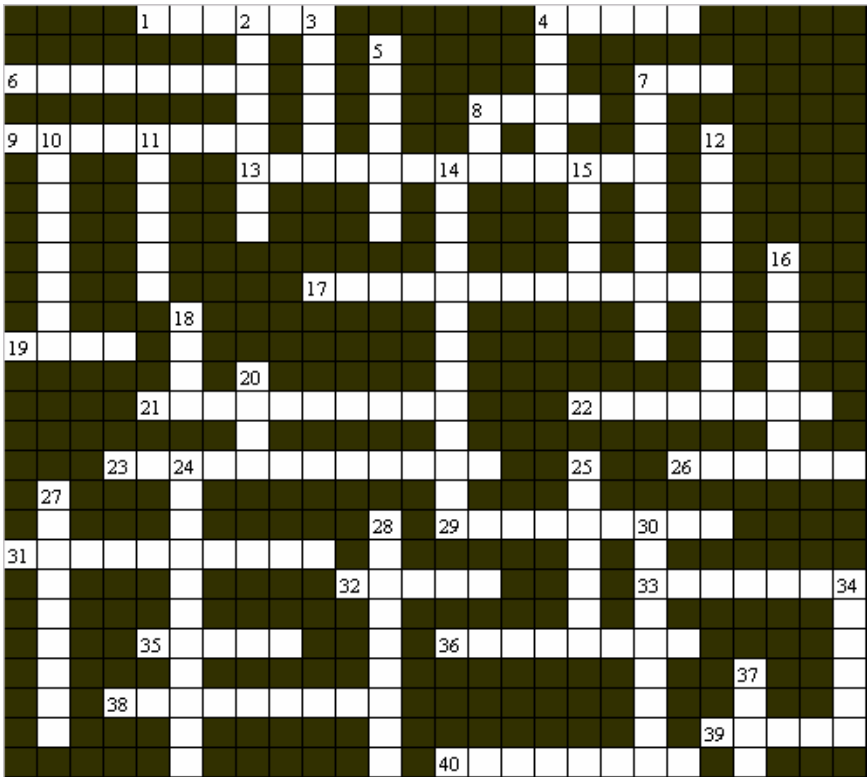
### August Math Square

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X		+		/	
	+		X		21
-		X		X	
	+		X		47
5	46		24		

Try to fill in the missing numbers.  
 Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.  
 Each number is only used once.  
 Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.  
 Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

## Theresa's Somewhat Punk Rock Crossword Puzzle

The clues and answers may be somewhat obscure. All answers can be found at [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) Feel free to use the internet or other resources.





## ACROSS

- 1 MacKaye rebirth
- 4 The Germs' Crash
- 6 Poindexter alter ego
- 7 Famous Stooge
- 8 Found at Bowery and Bleecker
- 9 Doll Guitarist
- 13 Teenage Kicks
- 17 Kick Out the Jams-Long form
- 19 Wuthering Heights songstress
- 21 Hell's small screen
- 22 Sans Curtis
- 23 Stranglers lament
- 26 Stiff Little Fingers Alternative
- 29 Psychobilly founders Lux and Poison
- 31 Biafra State
- 32 Harry's Heroine
- 33 Pinfield 120
- 35 Ness' ball companion
- 36 Joe's conflict
- 38 Adverts age
- 39 Jesus and Mary's sweetener
- 40 Lead Banshee

## DOWN

- 2 Stigma's religious affiliation
- 3 Buzzcocks' Fall
- 4 Poly Styrene sings, "The day the world turned \_\_\_\_\_"
- 5 Joey, Johnny, Dee Dee, and Tommy
- 7 Wendy O. Band
- 8 Numan Refuge
- 10 Mould's start
- 11 Lead Misfit
- 12 Dear You
- 14 Jam amusement
- 15 Sid's partner
- 16 Runaway
- 18 I am the fly
- 20 Lee Ving emotion
- 24 Straight Edge
- 25 Sham69 Breakout
- 27 Pre-IFC Rollins
- 28 Are We Not Men?
- 30 Armatrading individual
- 34 Everyday is like \_\_\_\_\_
- 37 Likes to dance with himself

**August Sudoku**

		2		4		7		
						5	8	
5				8	7	6		
3			4				6	
7	2						4	5
	5				9			3
		1	9	3				6
	7	5						
		9		6		4		

3	7	9	8	6	2	5	4	1
8	6	4	7	5	1	9	3	2
2	1	5	3	9	4	8	7	6
9	4	7	5	2	6	1	8	3
1	8	2	9	7	3	4	6	5
6	5	3	4	1	8	7	2	9
5	2	8	1	3	7	6	9	4
7	9	6	2	4	5	3	1	8
4	3	1	6	8	9	2	5	7

**Solution to July Sudoku**

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