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October 19th

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* John Coppedge
Joseph Duhamel
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Rebecca Erwin
Wayne Johnson
* Soraiya Popadopoulos
Brandon Shaw
* Kenneth Sweeney

* New members.

October Birthdays

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10/04 Patricia Bowker, Tammy Hicks
10/05 Thomas Richards
10/08 Daniel Holloway, Scott McInnes, Ross Richardson
10/10 William Dattisman, Keven McGinn, James Pickren
10/11 Paul Frappollo, Arthur Schwartz
10/12 Robert Farabee, Linda Raymond
10/14 Scott Holloway, Peter Profiro, Frank Valenti
10/15 James Kennedy
10/16 Douglas Woolley
10/17 John Martz, Rodney Phillips
10/18 Michael Cusumano
10/19 Lori Brown, Douglas Linkhart, Joshua Shields
10/20 Ann Kaufman
10/22 R Rawls
10/23 Frederick Carlson
10/24 Dave Bryant
10/25 Eriq Breland
10/26 Ron Austin, Michael Garrett, Phillip Geisinger, Damian Kondrotas
10/30 John Emerson
10/31 Robin Burngasser, Christopher Chapman, Lee Hargrave, Matthew Montgomery, Micheal Oldenburg, George Wetzel
LocSec Column

Ronan Heffernan

Our Spring Picnic is coming up on October 19th at Lake Seminole Park in southern Pinellas County. These member appreciation events are very popular with many members and their families. I hope to see many of you there.

Tampa Bay Mensa’s new ExComm will be meeting on October 5th. Two of those ExComm members were elected for the first time, this year. All members of Tampa Bay Mensa are welcome at all ExComm meetings. If you have any questions or want to observe this process, please come.

Looking Forward

As it was two years ago, our Winter Social will be a boat cruise on the Calypso Queen party boat. The date is January 11th. The number of spots is limited, so please reserve by December 15th. More details will be announced shortly.

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Executive Committee Meetings

The next meetings of Tampa Bay Mensa’s Executive Committee will be held:

**October 5th, 2014 at 1:00pm, hosted by Barbara Loewe**

University Village 12401 N. 22nd St., Tampa.

All members of Tampa Bay Mensa are invited to all Executive Committee Meetings. For more information contact our LocSec (Officer contact info is on page 19).

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As I See It

If I can remember my American History with any degree of accuracy, sometime during the late 1800’s or early 1900’s the American farmer was able to grow enough food to feed his family and four other families. As America went into the industrial Revolution and the plow mule was replaced by a tractor, which cost considerably more to purchase than the mule, and which cost considerably more to operate and maintain than the mule, the farmer found his labor of cultivating a field considerably less and his productivity greatly increased. However now that he could plant eight or 10 acres in the same time he used to be able to plant one he was faced with another new problem.

The farmer and his large family, and with the help of a few friends and some hired hands, could easily harvest the crops cultivated by mule. But now with the acreage under cultivation increased tenfold, the old way was outdated. So now the farmer has to invest in a harvester and a combine to help pick, sort, stack, and pack all the food produced that was planted by tractor.

I really have no knowledge of how many families one farm family can feed these days, but I’m sure the number is well into the hundreds.

So why is the American farmer in such financial trouble? The news media is constantly filled with horror stories of bankrupt American farmers. Other businesses don’t seem to fail at the same alarming percentage that farms do. Why?

Well at the risk of trying to sound like “Just another David Stockman,” I wish to propose not only an explanation of how this problem got this way but also a solution, which to date no one else seems to have.

I shall use approximate dollar estimates solely for the purpose of making a point.

Automobile dealers, T.V., refrigerator, etc., manufacturers that produce their products here in the U.S.A. are free, with certain limitations, to sell their products on an open market, which includes foreign ports of call. The American farmer is hamstrung by red tape and international politics which has the U.S. Government buying their products below fair market value.

When the farmer had only his cost-effective mule, and large family, farming relatively small plots of land he could feed his family and pay his bills because he wasn’t in need of $50,000 tractors, $100,000 combines, manure spreaders, haulers, etc., environmental regulations, government intervention, and of course minor problems like: drought, floods, locusts, and other nuisances like having the distinction of having this country’s only profession with the guarantee of seven days a week, no paid vacation, no retirement, no benefits, and, where increased productivity means less profit, higher overhead, greater indebtedness, and possible bankruptcy.

Let’s let the farmer sell his expensive equipment and go back to the simpler way of life. Let’s let him feed his family and five or ten more. This way he could be assured of making a living and wouldn’t have to worry about the outrageous financial burden he now faces, or worrying about erratic and ill-conceived government programs that make great political rhetoric for politicians stumping across the country spreading fertilizer that won’t grow anything but ‘problems.’

To overkill a point, the Amish farmer has been doing this forever, and they aren’t

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RVC Column for Region 10

Thomas George Thomas

I’ve just returned from the AML Board of Directors’ meeting in Grapevine, Texas, located near the National Office. It was a busy weekend, starting with a planning day on Friday and ending after 10:00 pm on Saturday. The planning day included introductions to many of the new staff hired since our last visit, and presentations by each of the staff directors. There was also a presentation on methods of strategic planning and an interpretation of the different roles of Boards vs. Committees, and later we broke into various national committee meetings.

The next day we got into the main event, the Board meeting itself. The mini-minutes have already been posted on the American Mensa website, but I’ll hit on the high points. Before we addressed any of the motions on the agenda, we received an IT Assessment from a representative of DelCor, a company hired to provide an independent, impartial review of our technology usage and status. This was an overview; the full written report will follow later in September.

Prior to the motions, we received initial comments from the audience, which consisted of a number of members who had traveled from various parts of the country to personally address the Board. Most of the comments were on the theme of membership value and against raising the dues. We then moved into the main part of the meeting.

Briefly: We passed a motion that will permit non-Mensan parents of gifted Mensan youth to serve as Gifted Youth Assistants to local group Gifted Youth Programs, helping the Gifted Youth Coordinators (or if the group doesn’t have a Gifted Youth Coordinator, helping the LocSecs) to provide programs for our growing number of young members. We passed a motion approving AG registration discounts for Mensa members starting with the 2016 Annual Gathering. We approved the first two phases of a Local Group Revitalization pilot project, and we sent two Bylaws amendments to the ballot in the 2015 election (one for housekeeping and required changes to meet the Minimum Standard Constitutional Requirements of Mensa International, and a second for clarification of the Ombudsman role). Finally, we did not pass the proposed dues increase from $70.00 to $76.00 in 2015 and $79.00 in 2016.

I voted against this dues proposal, but I should be clear on this: While I opposed this particular proposal, a dues increase is inevitable, painful though it may be. Over the past few years Mensa International has increased the component that we have to pay them as a national chapter of Mensa from 4% to 7% of our per-member dues. Local Group support has not increased in many years, and as noted in the presentation by DelCor, we have failed to properly maintain the technical infrastructure that we already have, letting it fall into obsolescence. These are additional expenses that cannot be absorbed by any reasonably proposed cuts. Our Treasurer plans to propose another dues motion at the December 6 Board meeting in San Diego. Depending on the supporting material provided with the new motion, I may find myself supporting it the next time around.

Finally, we moved into closed session to discuss personnel and contract matters which must remain confidential, but afterwards a statement by Chairman Dan Burg was read into the minutes of the meeting, and sent directly to the LocSecs the next day.

I am open to any questions you may have, and as always can be reached at RVC10@us.-mensa.org.
The 2014 election takes place on November 4. I’m sure you’ll hear a lot in the next several months about the election for the next four year term of Governor of Florida. I’m not highly enthusiastic about either of the candidates, although I’m even less thrilled about Rick Scott than I am about Charlie Crist, mostly on the basis of Rick Scott’s determination to avoid dealing with climate change in this very vulnerable state. I bought my beautiful home here; I’d like for it to be still above water when my children inherit it. I suspect my lack of enthusiasm for the top of the ticket is common among my fellow Men-sans. But the election of the entire executive team of Governor, Lt Governor, Attorney General, CFO, and Commissioner of Agriculture certainly set the tone for the direction of Florida for the next four years, and possibly longer.

There are certainly other contests of interest: the entire House of Representatives is elected every two years. Republicans hold 17 or the 27 seats from Florida. The 13th congressional district, currently held by David Jolly is up for re-election, and is considered particularly vulnerable. If you just love how the House of Representatives has discharged their duties in the last several years, party on! If you aren’t particularly happy, this is the time to look at the alternatives.

What IS important are the outcomes of the local elections being held. Elections for Florida State Senate and the Florida House of Representatives will take place this autumn. If you think that state government could be improved, it’s not that hard to take a look at your local candidates on the web; they are the state-wide candidates of tomorrow. If you don’t think your Representatives reflect your thoughts on the issues, for heaven’s sake speak out.

There are a whole host of judgeships being considered, and these certainly have an effect on local satisfaction.

I can’t emphasize how important these local and state elections can prove to be. We’ve had several cases in the news of late where local and state officials have not reflected the beliefs and views of even a majority of eligible voters living in a specific area. I believe that this reflects most of us, most of the time (since less than half of eligible voters actually vote). The disconnect becomes most obvious when it’s possible to point to something as clear as race, as was the case in the recent uproar in Ferguson, MO. Almost all local officials were white, but most residents of the town were black. How is this possible? Well, only 6% of eligible residents of that race voted—that’s a statistic that’s pretty easy to confirm. Although this serves as a clear and obvious example, race is far from the only way that our representatives do not reflect community ideals or beliefs. It’s easy to ignore civic responsibility until disaster happens and you are on the short end of the stick. Those protests, those arrests, and even the death that started the whole fracas might have been avoided if each citizen took his or her responsibility to ensure that his/her voice was heard much earlier at the ballot box. In each and every election. This isn’t a liberal or conservative argument; it’s a HUMAN argument. If you don’t vote, don’t be surprised when some policy that you would never approve comes out and bites you (or yours) in the butt.

It’s not that voters can wave a magic wand and support the perfect candidate. There are no perfect candidates. But if we can bend the arc of history just a little bit each time an election comes around, we

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The great newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst once said: "You furnish the pictures and I’ll furnish the war." It’s the old news adage’ if it bleeds it leads’, and if it doesn’t bleed on it’s own get in there and instigate enough racist hatred until it does.

It’s the magnifying lens of a TV camera that can change the demeanor of perfectly normal people within a second of it’s unblinking eye, the desire of people for their 15 minutes of fame, even if that fame consists of throwing a Molotov cocktail or smashing a Liquor store’s front window, and that your pants are pulled way down below your underwea...makes it even better as a fashion statement as well.

If you look closely at the Ferguson Missouri riots what you see is a small army of so called journalists and cameramen in some instances outnumbering the actual rioters, and they’re not just domestic media but foreign propagandists as well from global enemies like Al Jazeera and Russia Today, eager to spin this tragic event as proof to their own truly repressed citizens of America as an evil, unjust place, and to spread the lie of continued African American discrimination.

It wasn’t enough for these so called journalists to instigate these riots with their incendiary coverage over what most probably knew were falsehoods, distortions, and wild rumors of Police misconduct. But facts never mattered to them when they repeated those early reports as true, without context or counter point. Because that is what served their purposes, advanced their Liberal agenda, and caused the violence they wanted to chronicle. That is what provided the violent images of confrontation they wanted to drive up network ratings.

Not content just to report on events they had to make themselves part of the story as well making nuisances of themselves in a dangerous situation and causing even more headaches for the overwhelmed Police there, so much so several of them had to be arrested as well.

Funny how this same Journalist army never shows up in Washington DC to demand answers on Fast and Furious, the Benghazi attack, or how every computer connected to the IRS targeting the Presidents enemies could all mysteriously crash at the same time?

Like moths to a flame the events in Ferguson drew in every chronic American malcontent entity Leftists, Communists, Anarchists, Community agitators and even Eric Holder’s New Black Panther friends, everyone who wanted to get their image up on Twitter throwing a rock at the Police. The vast amount of arrests were from people living outside of Ferguson.

I don’t know what happened in Ferguson, a Grand Jury will determine if this police officer did anything wrong and needs to be charged with a crime. But what’s obvious is that the original flagitious lies as spread by the news media of a White Police officer executing a harmless compliant Black teenager with his hands up and shot in the back quickly faded away like journalistic integrity.

Once the news media realized Ferguson wasn’t going to be the great case of Police on African American violence they were so hoping for, they slithered away back to their viper dens oblivious to the damage they did to the nation and this community, eagerly awaiting another opportunity to tear America apart along the lines of race.
A Response to an August submission re Global Warming

You may have read the two articles in the August Sounding regarding global warming. If not, you might want to take a moment to do so right now before you continue.

All done reading those articles? Good. A casual read through is good enough. Did you have a laugh or two? Even better. The first article, by Donna Hamel, was pleasant, intelligent reading.

The second article is another matter, as different from us as material from meteors is from a different world. As for me, having painstakingly read through some of the research on global warming from sources such as NASA, the Woods Hole Institute, and NASA, and having carefully written an article for the Sounding on global warming ten years ago, I read with the usual amusement the August edition of Ronnie Dub’s monthly humor column in the Sounding.

It is wonderful to see information and thoughts so capriciously used either out of context, illogically, or having been “made up” rather than “looked up” - all for the sole purpose of our delight. Fortunately for us, Ronnie is a Mensan, so he has the ability to use these literary tricks in such a cleverly entertaining way that the statements sound serious yet still are transparent enough that we can see the impish nature he clearly exudes.

For example, Ronnie makes the mathematically bodacious comparison that 97% of all climate scientists claiming our climate is warming is like an ad saying “9 of 10 dentists recommend” a certain toothpaste. You see the humor? How he tries to make it seem as though those ads meant 90% of all dentists rather than just 90% of 10 dentists? He must have had fun writing that bit.

Global sea levels have been rising, just not uniformly, and for a variety of reasons, so Ronnie’s observation about Plymouth rock still being above water is faulty. The use of this trivial and obviously unresearched example stretches the giggle factor even further.

In an indirect nod to the reality of global warming, Ronnie also asks the irrelevant question about whether more people live in the tropics or the arctic, apparently trying to make the point that living in a warmer climate is preferable. I suppose the fact that arctic regions are not only too cold to be easily inhabited probably has more to do with it than simple preference, compounded by the fact that there in no land at all near the north pole, just the Arctic Ocean! Of course, these convenient omissions were intended for further comic effect.

(I just have to mention at some point that I feel the term “global warming” is more on point, and so is preferable to me than the ambiguous “climate change.”)

If you read Ronnie’s tongue-in-cheek August column in some detail, you may notice he never actually refutes the conclusion that global temperatures are rising, which is the most important piece of all! Whether we cause it is much less important. If we have (are) causing climate change, it is very unlikely we will be able to change the way we live enough to change the consequences we (or our followers) will face in the future. Personally, I have never claimed that global warming is caused by human activity. The evidence is tempting, but not conclusive enough for me. Again, the cause is not important. It is facing the likely future reality that matters. 🎨
By the way, the most significant greenhouse gas is not carbon dioxide, but water vapor. We hear more about carbon dioxide because we contribute bunches of it to the atmosphere, whereas we have no direct affect on water vapor levels. And yes, carbon dioxide can trail temperature, but always correlates with it, according to the ice core evidence Ronnie refers to.

Ronnie does drop his humor wand to be irritated about one point, and that is the large number of experts who report that the Earth’s average surface temperatures are rising. This goes back to the 97% figure referred to earlier. His reaction is to try to avoid this “inconvenient truth.” We witness some verbal flailing of his via statements that trash these experts by assigning false claims to them, and making up his own claim that there is no such belief among experts. Reality is rough some times.

And who would we believe: The preponderance of scientists who are experts in the field, or Ronnie? ■

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Letters to the Editor

I’m thinking that Ronnie Dubs was either writing satire or had too much to drink when he penned “The Primitives” in the last Sounding.

Ronnie asserts that there is a “... fantasy of the Left, that people were somehow how (sic) better off before the... modern era of science and knowledge.” He also mentions that “the actually (sic) reality of a life spent fending off heat and cold, wild animals, bugs, disease, infections, starvation, and the rigors of childbirth... is quite different than living for a year on the edge of Walden pond. Life in these circumstances was generally short, hard, and brutal.”

Wow. As one of the many liberal former Peace Corps volunteers in Kenya (and elsewhere), I can assure you, my dear Ronnie, that many of us have labored long, hard (and free) to help those in developing countries utilize the advantages of science, technology and other joys of the modern era.

The difficulty and brutality of lives spent without enough money to heat or cool one’s dwelling and to eat nutritious meals daily, as well as the lack of money or sufficient insurance to fight off disease and infections are things that millions of Americans - yep, right here in the good ole’ USA - struggle with on a daily basis.

I fervently wish that Ronnie thought enough of our own citizens to suggest that we “get them some I pads (sic), television sets, science books, and give them each a small stock portfolio to help them get started.” Oh but wait... I guess doing those things for Americans, rather than suggesting them for tribes in Brazil, would make him a liberal.

Bonnie Wilpon
October Mensaversaries

50 years  Paul Frappollo
46 years  Norman Linton
43 years  Lee Hargrave
38 years  Charles Bell, Tommy Denton
36 years  Michelle Kurtz, Patricia Leslie
32 years  Marylou Seigel
31 years  Diane Ocampo
30 years  Mary Ann Pidick
29 years  Juana Harper
27 years  Mitchell Drucker
23 years  Larry Bush
21 years  Dennis Jauch, Arthur Kelland, David Starr
20 years  Robert Topper
18 years  Malcolm Haynes
17 years  Roger Zitman
15 years  Warren Hunnicutt, Michael Wenditz
14 years  Brett Husselbaugh, Charles Stewart
12 years  John Martz, Joshua Shields
11 years  Trude Diamond, Angel Onesty
10 years  Micheal Oldenburg
  9 years  Michael Becker, Daniel Holloway
  8 years  Kenneth Berg, Robert Bradford, Kathleen Johnson, Tom Warnes
  7 years  Neil Rupani, Jeffrey Yorns
  6 years  Billie Noakes, Anthony Sommo
  5 years  K Jones, James Stillman
  4 years  Garrett Cardwell, Susan Cornett
  3 years  Nicholas DuBose, Lillian O'Neill
  2 years  Angus Latham, Jay Myers
  1 year  John Copeland, Robert Farabee, Taylor Gregory, Robert Shackton

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For updated event information, check our online calendar:  http://tampa.us.mensa.org/cal
October 2014 Calendar

Except for rare cases that hosts will make clear, all events listed in our Calendar of Events, whether hosted in private homes or public venues, are open to all Mensans, their spouses, and accompanied guests.

While kitty amounts are mandatory, hosts often spend far more than the specified amount. Donations in excess of the kitty amount will be appreciated. If you have special needs or restrictions, it is prudent to discuss them with your host before attending an event.

October 1  7pm  Reading Group
Location: IHOP, 4910 West Spruce Street, Tampa
Read whatever you like and bring books you'd like to recommend, discuss, exchange, or give away.
Ronan Heffernan  727-537-6626  ronansan@gmail.com

October 2  12:30pm  Lunch Bunch
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria, 11810 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa
We meet at Piccadilly Cafeteria (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

October 5  1pm  ExComm Meeting
Location: University Village, 12401 N 22nd St, Tampa, FL, United States
All members are invited to all ExComm meetings.

October 8  1:15pm  MHUNCH
Location: Fire, 117 E Lake Avenue, Auburndale (863) 967-2508
Join us for lunch. Your RSVP is important. MHUNCH events are subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest by 8:00pm the evening before. Please either email or call me so we can save a seat the the table for you!
Merrell Fortner  863-701-7109  mini@mindless.com

October 9  12:30pm  Lunch Bunch

October 11  7pm  Games Night
Location: 651 Timber Bay Circle West, Oldsmar
We play fun board and table games. Snacks and sodas provided ($2 kitty helps defray refreshment expenses). No smoking indoors.
Sylvia Holt Zadorozny  813-855-4939  sylviachocolate@gmail.com

October 15  7pm  Reading Group

October 16  12:30pm  Lunch Bunch

October 18  Mensa Testing Day

October 19  11am  Fall Picnic
Location: Lake Seminole Park 10015 Park Boulevard, Seminole
Shelter #12 Fall Picnics are one of our quarterly member appreciation events, and are usually very popular with new members and long-time members. Tampa Bay Mensa provides hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, plates, etc. Members are encouraged to bring a side-dish or dessert, and beverages (non-alcoholic only, per park policy). Please RSVP via email, phone, or by clicking on the "I will attend" button on the Fall Picnic event in the Tampa Bay Mensa Facebook group.
Ronan Heffernan  ronansan@gmail.com  813-732-2310
October 22  1:15pm  MHUNCH
Location: The Club at Eaglebrooke 1300 Eaglebrooke Blvd. Lakeland (863) 701-0101
Join us for lunch. Your RSVP is important. MHUNCH events are subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest by 8:00pm the evening before. Please either email or call me so we can save a seat the the table for you!
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October 23  12:30pm  Lunch Bunch

October 24  6:30pm  Buffet Friday
Location: Hao Wah Chinese Buffet, 10454 66th St N, Pinellas Park, FL
Fourth Friday Dinner at a Festive Chinese eatery also offering Vietnamese fare, sushi and dessert in a spacious setting, with all-you-can-eat buffets. Happy Hour ends at 7 pm. Plenty of free parking. Diane Campo

October 30  12:30pm  Lunch Bunch

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**Fall Picnic**

**October 19th  starting at noon**

**Lake Seminole Park  Shelter #12**

10015 park blvd N
Seminole, FL 33777.

These popular events provide an opportunity for members to hang out and socialize, with the side benefit of some good food

Tampa Bay Mensa provides hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and supplies. Members are encouraged to bring a side-dish or dessert and drinks.

RSVP to Ronan Heffernan, ronansan@gmail.com or (813) 732-2310.

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faced with any of the problems their counterparts are. So now if the farmer cuts way back on production, millions of jobs will be lost related to the manufacturing, and sales of farm related products. Then of course the competition on the open market for what few goods are available will be fierce and prices will skyrocket. With any luck there may be lines at grocery markets resembling the lines at gas pumps a few years ago. Then we will encounter food rationing and land-office black market business.

There are more people in New York City than there are farmers in the U.S., and the federal government bailed N.Y. out. Then there was the bankrupt Chrysler Motor Corp., a private industry underwritten by good old Uncle Sam and supported by lucrative guaranteed-to-make-a-profit-at-any-and-all-costs government contracts.

Farmers don’t get to vote themselves outrageous cost-of-living increases. They don’t get diplomatic savings on farm equipment, and they are held accountable for return on their investment, something the wastemongers at the Pentagon know nothing about.

I suppose we could import wheat from Russia or grain from Ethiopia, but then that would take the fun out of being self-sustaining and independent.

We are so wrapped up with arms control and nuclear freeze we seem to have overlooked the effects of “famine fallout,” which is more real and a far greater threat on humanity than the ‘bomb’ ever will be.

Farming, in all its forms, has been the backbone of civilization ever since the days of the caveman. Sophisticated, high tech weaponry is useless in the hands of hungry soldiers. In all the war-ravaged areas on this globe today, the lack of a constant supply of affordable food is a consistent theme. If we intend to save the world for whatever purpose or cause, it can only be done on a full stomach.

Think about it.

This column originally appeared in the Bay County Journal.

Stuck (cont)

will gradually improve our lot and the lot of our children and our children yet to come. A vote for dogcatcher today may result in that dogcatcher running for Mayor tomorrow, and that might be exactly the person you want in that particular place at that particular time. Have faith, have courage, and make your voice heard.
Cryptopoem

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"UDTMANK DREAM, UDTMANK LUX.

"SAND YAUOO MARY YOTHEA TB YNDYN FN GUYM,

MARY LHYM TB MATHEAMY FN OURL UM OUYM,

MAN IUD TB BONYA UDL YTHO FN YOURD

UDL MAN IUD TB FTDNY KNIURD? ...

"SUDLNKNKY NUYMSUKL, SUDLNKNKY SNYM,

ZDTS XTH SAX XTH GUDDTM KNYM?

'MRY MAUM NJNKX ITMANK'Y YTD

MKUJUROY SRMA U YZNONMTD. ..."

~ U.N. ATHYIUD, "MAN RIITKMUO QUKM"
Suzaku™ #87

Suzaku™ (from Japanese sousaku: search) is a compound puzzle. The first step is to solve it as a traditional sudoku puzzle, using letters instead of numbers. The second step is to search for words in the solved sudoku. Start from any letter, moving up, down, forward, backward or diagonally in any direction, changing direction as needed without reusing the same square for a word. Although there are nine letters in this puzzle, words can be longer if you can find them. (There is a hint for this puzzle on page 18.) For extra credit, score the words using their associated number values to try to find the highest word points.
Suzaku™ (cont)

Last month’s puzzle contained the 12-length word “delicatessen”, which used all nine letters for a total of 53 points. The theme for this month’s Suzaku™ also consists of 12 characters, using all nine letters in the grid, for a score of 62 points. The shaded square is the starting position for the theme word. The solution will be provided in next month’s issue of Tampa Bay Sounding.

You could also search for a list of words and phrases and accumulate additional points. What is the highest cumulative score you can achieve?

Answer to the September Suzaku™ (#86)

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Answer to the September Cryptopoem:

They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago.
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know
There was once a path through the woods
Before they planted the trees:
It is underneath the coppice and heath,
And the thin anemones.
Only the keeper sees
That, where the ring-dove breeds
And the badgers roll at ease,
There was once a road through the woods.

-Rudyard Kipling, “The Way Through the Woods”
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