

# SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA CHRONICLE

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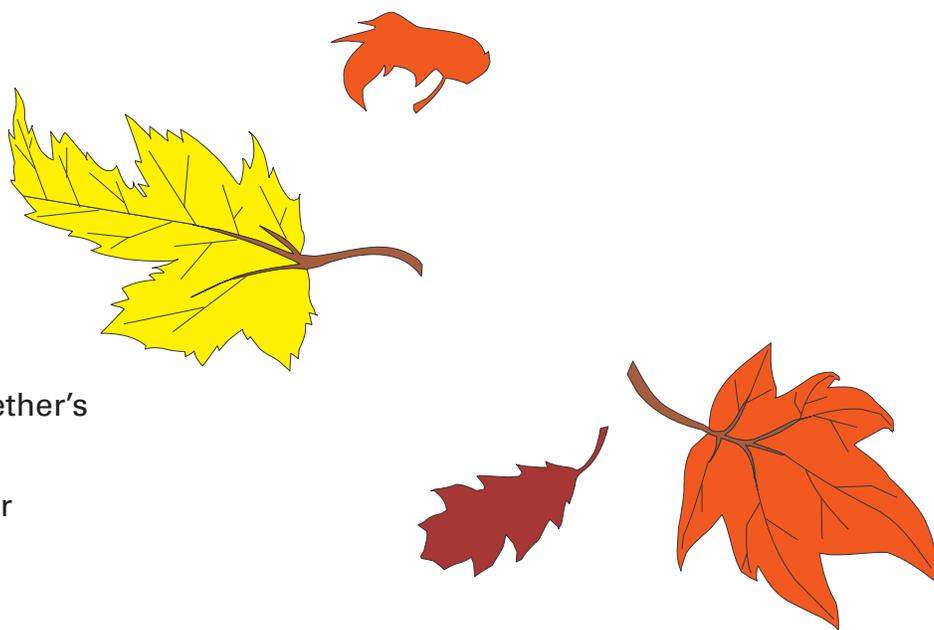


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**SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS - OCTOBER**

Friday, October 10, 7:00 **Southern CT and Western MA Joint Dinner**  
 Monthly dinner at the Old Sorrento Restaurant, Newtown Road, DANBURY, CT. Interested Mensans should contact Ward Mazzucco at (203) 744-1929, ext. 25, wjm@danburylaw.com, or Rev. Bill Loring at (203) 794-1389, frbill@mags.net.

Thursday, October 16, 7:30 **Southern CT Mensa Billiards Event**  
 Come and join So. CT Mensa billiard enthusiasts for an evening of billiards, conversation and food. The "Pool Party" event this month will be held at ON CUE BILLIARDS, 50 W. Washington St., SOUTH NORWALK, CT. The pool hall is in the basement at the far inner corner of the 50 Washington Street office building. Easy access via either I-95 (Exit 15) or the Merritt (via the Route 7 Extension). The parking lot costs \$2 to park in, through 10:30pm - then the rate goes to \$5. There is nearby street parking if you don't mind walking a bit. On Cue Billiards Web Site: <http://www.oncuebilliardsandmusic.com> Google

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Maps link: <http://tinyurl.com/2tfunq>. Questions? Contact Tom O'Neill, doctec2@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 18, 6:30  
**Monthly Dinner**  
 "Boosting Brain Power" - a presentation and discussion. TONELLI'S RESTAURANT, 41 Grassy Plain St., Bethel, CT 06801. Dress is casual. Before the presentation, we will enjoy dinner. Choose what you like from the menu; restaurant adds tip onto the bill. You can bring a donation of money or food to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank. Contact Jim Mizera, jmizera@hotmail.com, 203-522-1959, for information and reservations. Guests are welcome. Restaurant review: <http://acorn-online.net/acornonline/bestbets/bbets05-04-21.htm>. If you have suggestions for other places we can meet or how we can run our dinners better, please contact chapter President Rick D'Amico at [usamarbiol@aol.com](mailto:usamarbiol@aol.com).

- FROM STAMFORD:
1. Take I-95. Merge onto US-7 Connector NORTH via EXIT 15 toward NORWALK. 2. Take US-7 Connector to MAIN AVE / US-7. Continue to follow US-7 North about 2 miles. 3. Turn LEFT onto US-7 / CT-33 / WESTPORT RD & continue to follow US-7 about 5.5 miles. 4. Turn RIGHT onto SCHOOL ST / CT-107 / CT-57. Follow CT-107 about 1.5 miles. 5. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto REDDING RD / CT-107. Follow REDDING RD. 5.7 miles. REDDING RD becomes CT-53. Go about 3 miles to the Restaurant, on the left at 41 Grassy Plain St. Bethel, CT 06801-2001
- FROM BRIDGEPORT:
1. Take CT-15 SOUTH / MERRITT PKWY Exit 44 toward CT-58 / FAIRFIELD / REDDING. 2. Turn LEFT onto CONGRESS ST. 3. Turn RIGHT onto BLACK ROCK TURNPIKE / CT-58. Follow CT-58 about 15 miles. 4. Turn LEFT onto CT-302 /

MILWAUKEE AVE. 5. Turn LEFT onto GREENWOOD AVE / CT-302 and go about 1.5 miles.  
6. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto GRASSY PLAIN ST / CT-53. Go about .1 miles to the Restaurant, at 41 Grassy Plain St.

FROM HARTFORD & I-84:

1. Take I-84 to Exit 5, the Route 53 exit.
2. Take Route 53 south about 3.3 miles.
3. Tonelli's Restaurant is on the right, shortly before the light and intersection.

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

Friday, November 14, 7:00 *Southern CT and Western MA Joint Dinner*

See above for details

Saturday, November 15, 6:30

*Monthly Dinner*

See above for details

### **CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS**

This is not a complete listing WE - Weekly Event, ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event CT & W. Mass Calendar Editor Gisela Rodriguez, 860-888-9867, email: [lilith@beadylittleskies.com](mailto:lilith@beadylittleskies.com).

### **OCTOBER**

1, 22 Wednesdays 6:30-9:00 pm

*Open Mike Night*

(assorted Wednesdays) at Peaberry's coffee shop in Simsbury, CT. This is a regular musician event, and Mensans are welcome as I am a Mensan and am welcoming anyone that wants to come. There are plenty of tables, good munchies and the music is great. I play too. Also anyone wanting to "Jam" please call me to set up something, guitar, hand drum, etc. thanks. Fran Devevo 860-738-8488 leave a message, calls returned about 9 pm or weekends,

(it's the worst John Wayne imitation probably in the universe). Directions: Peaberry's is on rte 10 in Simsbury next to the CVS and Fitzgerald's grocery.

3 Friday 5:30 pm

*Happy Hour in Wallingford* (ME, 1st Fridays)

Ann Polanski (contact her at 203-269-4565 or [ann.polanski@rfsworld.com](mailto:ann.polanski@rfsworld.com)) hosts us upstairs at George's II Restaurant, 950 Yale Avenue, Wallingford, CT 06492 Phone: 203-269-1059.

Directions: Exit 66 off Wilbur Cross Parkway. Turn left (south) onto Rte 5. Take first left that's not a highway entrance onto Yale Ave. George's II is in the Yale Plaza on the right.

8 Wednesday 5:30 pm

*Happy Hour in Branford* (ME, 2nd Wed)

Donovan's Reef 1212 Main Street, Branford Conn. 06405. The Donovan's Reef

<http://donovans-reef.com> web site has a small map, and here are some directions with distances - from I-95 take exit 54/Cedar Street. Go south on Cedar Street crossing Rt. 1/Boston Post Road for about 0.5 mi. to Rose Street. Take a left on Rose and go 0.25 mi. to a driveway on the right which has a low sign that says "1188 - 1238" where you will enter a parking lot for a number of businesses in a complex known as Lockworks Square. Drive part way through the lot and look for Donovan's Reef on the left. Locals can also enter Lockworks Square from the Ivy Street side just off of Main Street where Shoreline Foods faces Ivy. The lounge is on the left inside. I'll see about a table reservation and will likely have an "M" sign visible. We start around 6. I'm told there is some sort of daily bar goodie along with any menu items that you may want to order. Donovan's phone number is 203-488-5573. Questions? Contact Joe Wonowski at 203-785-2998 weekdays, and 203-457-9770 evenings. Hope to see you there!

10-12 Friday-Sunday

*C&WM Mensautumn Regional Gathering*

at Super 8 Motel, 20 Taylor St, Manchester CT, call 860-643-1864 for reservations, mention Mensa. Be there! Bibliophiles NB: Readers, movie viewers, and kibitzers are all welcome to join in a discussion of The Kite Runner by

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Khaled Hosseini at the RG. The novel was also made into a movie in 2007 directed by Marc Forster and is available on DVD.

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15 Wednesday 7:00 pm

**Open Mike Night - NEW!**

at Roaring Brook Nature Center on Gracey Rd in Canton, CT... Easiest way to find it is to get to the junction of 177 and Rt 44. Turn North. At the first stop sign, go straight, at the second stop sign, go kindof straight, it's a crookedy type of 4 way stop, there will be a sign on the right... Go up the hill and it'll be on your left. Admission \$5. Food and snacks available. Fran Devevo 860-738-8488 leave a message, calls returned about 9 pm or weekends, (it's the worst John Wayne imitation probably in the universe)

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16 Thursday 6:30 pm

**Pioneer Valley Dinner**

(ME, 3rd Thursday) ) at Mama Iguana's, on Main Street in Northampton, MA. Questions? Ian Fraser [ianfraser@usa.net](mailto:ianfraser@usa.net)

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19 Sunday 12:0 - 5:00 pm

**Oktoberfest**

Continue the RG feeling for another week by coming to Neil & Dorie Alderman's condo in Hebron for our yearly party. This is the 21st in this continuing series so the party is now old enough to vote in all of the states. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. Call 860 228 2678 for menu coordination and other directions. We ask you to take off shoes in the house.

Directions: From Hartford take Route 2 East to exit 13, Route 66. Turn left and go about 6 miles to the Hebron traffic light. Continue on 66 about 1 mile further, past the commercial area, to Loveland St. and turn left. Take the second left onto Buttonwood Rd. We are the first house on the right, number 83. You may park across the street at the clubhouse.

24 Friday 5:00 pm **Happy Hour** (ME, 4th Friday)  
Colonial Tymes, 2389 Dixwell Ave, Hamden.

Located about 1/2 mile north of Exit 60, Wilbur Cross Parkway. We are now reserving the middle tables on the left as you walk in the bar. Dinner is a possibility if enough people are interested. Come on down and join us this month, we'd love to see ya. Contact Gail Trowbridge

24 Friday 6:30 pm

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**Diner Dinner** (semimonthly, 2nd and 4th Fridays)  
at Olympia Diner, Rte 5, Newington, just north of the Berlin town line and North East Utilities.

Menu ranges from toasted cheese sandwich to steak and fish dinners. Basic bar menu available, no happy hour prices, but the food is good and very reasonable. Questions? For info, contact Howard Brender at 860-635-5673 or [howiebren@aol.com](mailto:howiebren@aol.com) Subject: Diner Dinner

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29 Wednesday 12 noon

**Middlebury Lunch**

(ME, last Wednesday) at Maggie McFly's in Middlebury, visible on the right from Rte. 63 just south of the Rte 63 and Rte 64 intersection. This intersection is at the end of a long ramp at Exit 17 on Rte 84 west. From this exit, turn left at the 63/64 intersection. If you use Exit 17 on Rte. 84 east (heading toward Hartford), turn left off the exit ramp and see Maggie McFly's on your left. Contact Richard Fogg at 860-274-2370 for more info.

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30 Thursday 7:00 pm

**Scrabble**

(ME) at Emmanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford. Ellen Leonard, 860-667-1966 (Please call first to make sure this is happening today, canceled on Jewish holidays.)

## REGIONAL GATHERINGS

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November 21-23, 2008

### **Boston Mensa presents Pilgrimage '08: Pilgrim's Progress!**

in Braintree, Mass. We've come a long way, baby, since 1620! From the Puritans to the Patriots, the Bay State has seen it all. Come celebrate our history at our Pilgrimage Regional Gathering! A Thanksgiving dinner is tentatively planned for Friday night; Saturday lunch and continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday are included. We'll have a costume contest where you can dress up as your favorite Bay State character from real life or fiction. Our infamous karaoke returns, as does our dedicated video game room! We'll have tournaments, puzzles, open bar mixers, outstanding hospitality, and much more! Location: Sheraton Braintree Hotel, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree, Mass.

Book your room with the hotel directly (781-848-0600; Mensa rate \$95). View details and register online at <http://bostonrg.org> (PayPal accepted!). Registration: \$65 until 10/31/08, \$75 thereafter or at the door. Children: under 6 free; ages 6-20 pay \$2 x age. Questions or suggestions? Contact RG Chair Claire Natola at [mensabear@gmail.com](mailto:mensabear@gmail.com).



*FROM THE REGIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN**LORI NORRIS**RVCHAT*

Autumn is fast approaching. As we drove through northern Vermont at the end of August, the leaves were already beginning to change color. I love autumn. Of course, autumn also brings hurricane season, of which I am not as fond, to the New England coast. As I write this, my husband is outside repairing roof damage which came to light during this last storm when the porch roof starting leaking (okay, pouring) into the "guest room" and onto the unsuspecting house guest asleep on the sleep sofa. Surprise!

One of the final stops on our vacation was in Stratford, Ontario to enjoy the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. We were fortunate to obtain last-minute tickets to the opening night performance of George Bernard Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra with Christopher Plummer as Caesar. Fantastic! I would highly recommend this festival to anyone within driving distance. Hint: it is not a very long drive from Pittsburgh to Stratford. We plan on driving to Stratford after the AG next year.

Belated congratulations to Joseph O'Malley of MONNY for his well-deserved receipt of the 2008 Abbie Salny Proctor of the Year award and to GNYM's Misha's Vineyard Players for placing 11th in the 2008 CultureQuest competition. The American Mensa Committee (AMC) has engaged the services of Tecker Consultants to assist in our strategic planning and the

"Governance Project." This Project will give the AMC the opportunity to make substantial, ongoing changes in the way it operates, beginning with the development of a solid strategic plan which, in turn, will help better define the authority and responsibility of the AMC, officers, committees and staff, as well as set tangible goals and the measurements for success. Critical to the success of this plan will be for the AMC to choose goals that will be important to the ongoing growth and development of American Mensa. What are the goals that will be important to American Mensa? What goals do you think should be important? I would appreciate your ideas and feedback about the Governance Project and the strategic planning process now underway, as well as specific goals that they believe would be of benefit to the society. If you would like to participate, please send your ideas to me at [rvc1@us.mensa.org](mailto:rvc1@us.mensa.org). Information on this process will be posted on the American Mensa website as it develops.

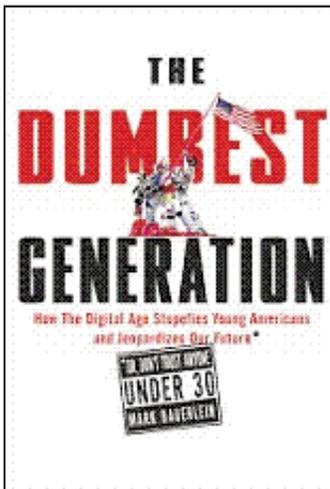
C&WM Mensans are hosting their 30th annual Regional Gathering (RG) the weekend of October 10-12, 2008 in Manchester, CT. Check out the group's website for more information ([www.cwm.us.mensa.org](http://www.cwm.us.mensa.org)). I'll be there, will you?

Lori

If you wish to comment on articles or submit material, please write or e-mail Jim Mizera at PMB #181, 7365 Main St., Stratford, CT. 06614-1300, [Jmizera@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmizera@hotmail.com). E-mail submissions are preferred. Please include your name, address, and e-mail address or telephone number. Anonymous material will be rejected, although names will be withheld on request. Items will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Currently, the deadline for postal submissions is the 15th of the month preceding publication, and the 20th of the month for e-mail submissions.

**BOOK REVIEW**

Rick D'Amico

***The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future (or Don't Trust Anyone Under 30)****by Mark Bauerlein*

Mark Bauerlein is a professor of English at Emory University. He has worked as a Director of Research and Analysis at the National Endowment for the Arts.

Bauerlein opines that although younger people have much better access to information than their predecessors did, they haven't developed the ability to use the information properly and effectively. They focus on retrieving information but not on forming knowledge.

The author offers considerable evidence to support his belief that Millennials are being dumb-downed by their immersion into a technological world and its peer pressure. All of this has distracted young people from fundamentals.

While I find myself agreeing partly with the author, there is a factor that he hasn't taken into consideration. A generation ago, education was a far more elitist (academically, if not socially) activity. As schools have strived to become more universal, students who thirty years ago would not have considered taking college entrance exams are taking them. This brings down the overall performance statistics. That said, I think that Bauerlein's point is still well made. To take a saying from Florence Nightengale, "life is a splendid gift, but to live your life, you must discipline it."

Anyone who hasn't lived under a rock for the past ten years or so has at least heard the complaint that younger people (Generation Y, Generation Dot.Net or Millennials) are poorly informed. Despite all kinds of would-be advantages (more money, education, leisure time, and information sources) all too many of them are seemingly clueless about things that should be general knowledge. For example, fifty-two percent of high school seniors picked Germany, Japan, or Italy as allies of the United States in World War II. Intuitively, one might be inclined to think that this indicates that the educational system is severely flawed and must be repaired. However, Bauerlein proposes that it is what is going on during the time spent outside of the classroom that is causing the problem.

In describing how the dumbest generation came to be, the author seems to focus on one point. Generally Millennials appear to hold history and classical knowledge in contempt. Thus, we encounter artists who want to produce great works of art but who have neither studied old masters such as Rembrandt and Michelangelo nor care to. Those who study classical subjects are less likely to view fads as durable points of view and are less susceptible to being influenced by celebrity culture.

This book contains interesting insights, and I recommend it. I do, however, question the title. If Generation Y is the "dumbest generation," then what does that make the Baby Boomers who produced them?

## THE SEPTEMBER DINNER

### EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

At the September dinner, Southern CT Mensa held a discussion on the topic of emotional intelligence. After listening to an excerpt from the audio-book version of Daniel Goleman's 1995 bestseller *Emotional Intelligence*, members discussed the nature of emotional intelligence, its validity, and its similarities and differences with other conceptions of intelligence.

The audio tape outlined Dr. Goleman's four components of emotional intelligence:

- 1) Self-awareness - the ability to read one's emotions and recognize their impact while using gut feelings to guide decisions.
- 2) Self-management - controlling one's emotions and impulses and adapting to changing circumstances.
- 3) Social awareness - the ability to sense and react to other's emotions and see social connections.
- 4) Relationship management - the ability to inspire, influence, and deal with others and manage conflict.

Dr. Goleman borrowed many of his ideas on emotional intelligence from two academic psychologists, Dr. Peter Salovey of Yale and Dr. John Mayer of the University of New Hampshire, who collaborated on two papers on the concept in the early 1990s. They offered one additional component in their model, self-motivation, which Goleman includes under the category of self-management. In the tape we listened to, Goleman drew on their work and also the writings of Dr. Howard Gardner, who believes that emotional intelligences are included in the multiple intelligences humans have, each of which he examined in his 1983 book *Frames of Mind*, another bestseller.

Goleman and other psychologists believe that the most crippling emotions are fear, anger, and anxiety, and some of our members analyzed how these feelings hurt students, drivers, consumers, and those recovering from illness. Dr. Goleman says that emotionally intelligent people know how to manage these feelings. His idea of feeling anger but not embracing it interested several people.

Another topic was the various ways psychologists since ancient times have classified emotions into groups. It was interesting to see just how many emotions and shades of emotion various writers identify and how differently they classify them.

However emotions are categorized, they influence reasoning. Prof. Goleman cited medical evidence that shows that without emotions, people would find it very difficult to make decisions. He discussed alexithymia, a rare brain condition in which people experience emotions but cannot understand, process, or describe them. Alexithymics generally lack empathy and imagination, and are prone to obsessive-compulsive actions and psychosomatic pains. Even more serious is the situation of people who have severed a pathway from their amygdala, the emotional area of the brain, to the neocortex, the reasoning part. They cannot make even simple decisions because they don't value one choice over another. Almost everyone on hand was intrigued by these examples and agreed that emotion and reason are inseparable.

There are several competing schools of thought about intelligence and a few participants at our dinner contrasted these with Daniel Goleman's model. Most psychologists don't see emotional intelligence as an intelligence at all, merely a skill, talent, or trait. Unitary views of intelligence, like that defended by Charles Murray in



the book *The Bell Curve*, challenge Dr. Goleman's theory, saying that g, general intelligence, is the only real intelligence. Robert Sternberg's Triarchic Mind theory, argues that there are three types of intelligences: analytical intelligence, creative intelligence, and practical intelligence, but it doesn't recognize emotional intelligence. Sternberg criticizes Goleman for not providing any quantitative support for his theory. On the other hand, Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences proposes that there are at least seven types of intelligence, two of which, intrapersonal intelligence and interpersonal intelligence, are emotional. Goleman recognizes IQ as an intelligence, but thinks that EQ, his acronym for emotional intelligence, is vital as well. One question that arose at our dinner is just how highly he values EQ compared to IQ. Dr. Goleman states that his

critics misrepresent him on this matter. He argues that he never claimed that emotional intelligence was more important than IQ, only that people with superior EQs perform better than people who match them in IQ.

There were many other points in the book that we didn't talk about, and some people felt it would be worth continuing the discussion at another dinner meeting. If you are interested in giving a presentation on this topic, contact Southern CT. Mensa's Executive Board and we will work out a plan for it.

*NEXT MONTH'S DINNER: Saturday, October 18: Topic: "Boosting Your Brain Power" - a presentation and discussion.*

**SUDOKUGRAMS** by official American Mensa Puzzle Book authors Alan Stillson and Frank Longo

Logic and Language Linked! A sudoku variation that truly combines logic and wordplay.

The rules of Sudokugrams (see <http://sudokugrams.com> for more details and sample puzzles) in a nutshell:

1. Fill in the empty squares with the letters in the Letter Pool, using each letter only once.
2. Make sure there are no repeating letters in any of the rows, columns, or heavily outlined 2 x 2 boxes.
3. Form twelve different sets of four letters in the rows, columns, and 2 x 2 boxes so that each set can be anagrammed (unscrambled) into a common, clean, non-capitalized word.

		<b>S</b>	
	<b>Y</b>	<b>I</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	
	<b>L</b>		

**Letter pool: DEDUCTION**

Answer on page 11

## PUZZLES & QUESTIONS

(Answers may be in next month's Chronicle.)

1. About how many soldiers deserted each side in the U.S. Civil War?
2. What are the biggest weaknesses of detective and spy stories?
3. How many children are born to the average couple in China?
4. Which countries have the best flags?
5. Define gross income, operating income, and net income.
6. List the different types of materials you can build a house out of.
7. When was the Roman Empire at its peak in size?
8. What are some subtle signals of an impending storm?
9. How many calories do people burn just resting?
10. List as many ways of classifying businesses as you can.
11. Name the five most populous cities in Italy and estimate their populations.
12. What is the most rural area of Connecticut?

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

1. What are the populations of the biggest Chinatowns in the U.S?

A: New York's Chinatown is usually ranked as the largest Chinatown in the U.S.

According to the 2000 census, it had 85,000 residents, with about 56,000 Asians (66%), and 53,000 Chinese. About 14,000 (16%) of Chinatown, NY's residents were Hispanic, and about about 11,000 (13%) were white. About 50,000 (59%) of its population were immigrants, and about 20,000 (40%) of these immigrants were naturalized citizens. Approximately 22,000 (49%) of the immigrants arrived between 1990 and 2000. An estimated 42% of Chinatown's residents were not proficient in English.

Sometimes San Francisco's Chinatown is called the largest in the U.S. Estimates place

its population at between 70,000 and 100,000.

In Canada, Vancouver and Toronto have large Chinatowns that rank just behind New York and San Francisco in population.

Cholon, the Chinese district of Ho Chi Minh City is often said to be the largest Chinatown in the world, although numbers are hard to come by.

The country of Dubai is building a commercial Chinatown that some claim will be the largest.

3. What percentage of workers who are eligible for 401k plans participate in them?

A: 70%.

### GOOD WINE CHEAP

*(and good food to go with it)*

We recently spent a weekend at a friend's "camp" in the Adirondack Mountains. The setting was beautiful, the views of the lake were idyllic, and, the accommodations were hardly camping out. Our friend Chris proved the first night that real men can cook with the recipe found below. If there was ever a question about the "real man" thing, I am sure Chris, a former hockey player who stands over six foot tall, would be happy to check you into the boards to dispute the point.

This month's wine is the 2007 Salneval Albarino from the Salnes Valley in the province of Galicia, Spain. This white wine is 100% Albarino grape and gives forth bright pear and citrus notes, including lime and grapefruit. There is a zesty acidity to the taste; yet, it is smooth and refined. It finishes with the citrus on the tongue, but also, with a hint of mineral. It will match well with Asian cuisine and all manner of seafood. This is an extraordinary and complex wine marketed for anywhere from \$9 to \$14 a bottle. I got it at a case price of \$8 a bottle. Remember Grover's law of acquisition: 1) Buy by the case; and 2) Don't be afraid to bargain.

Sudokogram answer

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Letter Pool: DEDUCTION

Across: DUES, TINY, FACE, IDOL  
 Down: TOFU, LADY, SIDE, NICE  
 Boxes: DUTY, SINE, FOAL, DICE  
 Note: Other anagrams like CAFE are okay

### PAN-SEARED SCALLOPS WITH SHERRY, RED ONION, ORANGE AND THYME

(adapted from "The Best Recipes", published by Cooks Illustrated, 1999; available from Amazon.com)

Ingredients Part One

- 1 1/2 lb. sea scallops (each about the size of a marshmallow)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. butter.

Sprinkle scallops on both sides w/ salt and pepper. Heat large saute' pan over medium heat until hot, about 1 minute. Add half the butter, swirl to coat pan; continue until golden brown. Add half the scallops at a time, flat side down. Cook adjusting heat as necessary to prevent burning, until scallops are well browned, about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Using tongs, turn scallops. Cook until medium rare (sides firmed up but middle third is opaque), 30 seconds to 1 1/2 minutes, depending on size. Transfer to a warm platter, cover with foil and repeat cooking process w/ remainder of scallops and butter.

Ingredients Part Two

- 1/3 cup minced red onion
- 3/4 cup sherry
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tsp orange zest
- 1 tsp minced fresh thyme leaves (1/2 tsp if dried)
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp lemon juice; salt and pepper to taste.

After searing all scallops and transferring to platter. Saute' onion in remaining butter until softened, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add sherry, orange juice and zest and thyme, and simmer until reduced to about 1/3 cup, 6 to 7 minutes. Off heat, stir in additional butter, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Spoon sauce over scallops and serve. This serves four persons generously.

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## NOTED & QUOTED

Only the person who has been trained to think can be trusted to feel. - *Ambrose Bierce, (1842 - 1914?), U.S. journalist, author, aphorist*

All learning has an emotional base. - *Plato, (428 - 347 B.C.E.)*

The descent to Hades is the same from every place. - *Anaxagoras, (500 - 428 B.C.E.), Greek philosopher*

First learn the meaning of what you say, and then speak. - *Epicetetus, (50 - 138 A.D.), Greek Stoic philosopher*

I would rather be first in a little Iberian village than second in Rome. - *Epicurus, (341 ? - 270 B.C.E.), Greek philosopher.*

Few men desire liberty: The majority are satisfied with a just master. - *Sallust, (86 - 34 B.C.E.), Roman historian.*

Life is to blame for everything. - *Robert Musil (1880-1942), Austrian author*

I can hear those glances that you think are silent. - *Jean Racine, (1639 - 1699), French playwright*

I just see my life as a series of really interesting mistakes. - *Susan Sarandon, (1946 - ), U.S. actress*

A doctor saves lives - it's up to people to create lives that are worth saving. - *Philip Gold, immunologist, Maclean's, Nov. 1974*

Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved. - *D.H. Lawrence, (1885 - 1930), English poet, essayist, and novelist.*

You never replace a great scholar who retires. If you try to do that, you end up with burnt-out volcanoes. - *Guido Calabresi, (1932 - ), law professor, legal scholar, and judge*

I'll meet you ... on the dark side ... of the moon... - *Boris Pasternak, (1890 - 1960), Russian novelist, poet*

The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but you still have to mow it. - *Anonymous*

We want a lot of engineers in the modern world, but we do not want a world of engineers. - *Winston Churchill, (1874 - 1965)*

The defining function of the artist is to cherish consciousness. - *Max Eastman, (1883 - 1969), U.S. author, journalist, and editor*

Liking money like I like it, is nothing less than mysticism. Money is a glory. - *Salvador Dali, (1904 - 1989), Spanish surrealist painter.*

Art is not a study of positive reality, it is the seeking for ideal truth. - *George Sand, (1804 - 1876), French novelist.*

Twenty men crossing a bridge, Into a village, Are twenty men crossing twenty bridges, Into twenty villages. - *Wallace Stevens, (1879 - 1955), 1931*

Managing is getting paid for home runs someone else runs. - *Casey Stengel, (1890 - 1975),*

A raise is like a martini: it elevates the spirit, but only temporarily. - *Daniel Seligman, Forbes columnist, author*

It is difficult to produce a television documentary that is both incisive and probing when every twelve minutes one is interrupted by twelve dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper. - *Rod Serling, (1924 - 1975), U.S. screenwriter, producer*

You carry forever the fingerprint that comes from being under someone's thumb. - *Nancy Banks Smith*

I often wonder what the vintners buy, One half so precious as the goods they sell. - *Omar Khayyam, (1043? - 1123?), Persian astronomer, mathematician, and poet.*

If you don't appreciate it, you don't deserve it. - *Terry Josephson*

There is a good deal to live for, but a man has to go through hell really to find it out. - *Edward Arlington Robinson, (1869 - 1935), U.S. poet*

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History is the record of encounters between character and circumstance.

- Donald Creighton, (1902 – 1979), Canadian historian

History is, indeed, an argument without end.

- Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., (1917 - ), U.S. historian

Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything.

- John Kenneth Galbraith, (1908 - 2006), Canadian-born U.S. economist

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

-Leonardo da Vinci, (1452 – 1519)

The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast.

- Oscar Wilde, (1854 – 1900)

Never pray for justice, because you might get some.

- Margaret Atwood, (1939 - ), Canadian novelist.

Cinema is halfway between life and art.

- Jean-Luc Godard, (1930 - ), French writer, film director

Meditation has been defined as the cessation of active eternal thought.

- Helena Petrova Blavatsky, (1831 – 1891), founder of Theosophy

Fashion is the science of appearances, and it inspires one with the desire to seem rather than to be.

- Edwin Hubbel Chapin, (1814 – 1880), U.S. clergyman

The human race is a race of cowards; and I am not only marching in that procession but carrying a banner.

-Mark Twain, (1835-1910)

He who hesitates is sometimes saved.

- James Thurber, (1894 – 1961), U.S. humorist, cartoonist.

Beware of the man who won't be bothered with details.

-William Feather, (1889 – 1981), U.S. author, publisher.

What poison is to food, self-pity is to life.

- Oliver C. Wilson

And when man faces destiny, destiny ends and man comes into his own.

- Andre Malraux, (1901 – 1976), French novelist, critic.

A classic is a book that has never finished what it has to say.

- Italo Calvino, (1923 – 1985), Italian journalist, novelist, and short story writer

Motorcars travel faster than they otherwise would because they are provided with brakes.

- Joseph Schumpeter, (1883 – 1950), Czech-Austrian economist and political scientist

I drink no more than a sponge.

- Francois Rabelais, (1483 ? – 1553), French writer, scholar, humanist, physician.

Doing a thing well is often a waste of time.

- Clive James, (1939 - ),

Multi-tasking - Screwing everything up simultaneously.

- Anonymous

The traditional mathematics professor of the popular legend is absentminded. He usually appears in public with a lost umbrella in each hand. He prefers to face a blackboard and to turn his back on the class. He writes a, he says b, he means c, but it should be d. Some of his sayings are handed down from generation to generation.

- George Polya, (1887 - 1985), Hungarian mathematician.

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