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## Editor's Notes

Kudos to 69 of you (and you know who you are). We're sending the electronic PensaMensa to 125 members - 69 of those at their request, which means they don't get the printed copy and we save about \$69 each month; that, in turn means we can almost afford to produce the newsletter on the stipend National sends to us from your dues.

Our membership list doesn't list email addresses for 85 of our 210 members. If you aren't getting email from us and you'd like to, please send your address to me at [bobwick@gnt.net](mailto:bobwick@gnt.net). I promise, and our server is legally bound, that your address will not

be shared with anyone.

Advantages: Electronic PensaMensa is in color! It's prompt! We can send special notices any time at your request! You can forward it easily (scroll down to the bottom and click "forward"), or print it out. We're gonna spend the money you save us on parties for you.

Note: this is a complimentary last copy if you haven't renewed. . .

### **Good news from all over**

Morrie Beitch has graciously offered to host a *Tuesday at Morrie's on June 6, 5:30 p.m.* It's an English food theme this time, with bangers on the grill and maybe somebody will do mash, maybe my daughter-in-law will do Yorkshire pud and my son will do ? since they'll be here from England. Mark your calendar to bring something to share (Watney's Nut Brown Ale would be nice), and enjoy the pool, pool table, food and camaraderie.

The Hostess with the Mostest is having a Pool Party/Open House along with the June ExComm meeting, June 17, 2 p.m. Bob and Jo Horne's semi- annual parties are immensely popular and well-attended - good chance to meet other members..

**News from National:** Taking the Mensa test can be a little scary for prospective members. Pre- test jitters - plus walking into the session alone - often equals no-shows for our proctors. During the month of June, we're going to make things easier for test takers by encouraging them to bring a friend with them when they test. And, we'll let their friend test for free!

For any test given between June 1 and June 30, we'll administer another test (given at the same session) at no charge. Local groups will receive regular funding for both tests. Please let your friends and colleagues know about this great opportunity to join Mensa...with a friend American Mensa accepts the results from more than 200 tests; a partial list may be found at [www.us.mensa.org/testscores](http://www.us.mensa.org/testscores). To take advantage of this offer, your friends and colleagues should visit [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) in April and follow the instructions on the home page.

*The cover photo by Jo Horne is a cashew nut tree, taken in Panama.*

## **"M"embership News**

*by Bob Ulrich*

The number of M's in Northwest Florida Mensa grew in March by 3 to a new total of 210. This number is only 4 short of the total we had last year at this date and 10 more than in March 2004. A short history of our roster number over the last few years as of 3/31. 1998 - 90 members, 1999 - 112 members, 2000 - 149 members, 2001 - 153 members, 2002 - 167 members, 2003 - 184 members, 2004 - 200 members, 2005 - 214 members, 2006 - 210 members. As you can see the trend is positive. However April is the month the group usually takes a decline in membership. Because renewal takes place at the end of March the group historically loses significant membership numbers in April. Again the historical decline is as follows: 1998 no change, 1999 minus 11, 2000 minus 22, 2001 minus 20, 2002 minus 18, 2003 minus 17, 2004 minus 23, 2005 minus 33, 2006? The monthly membership roster that is sent to me by our national

## **May Brings Together Wine and Mensans**

*by Heidi Daniels*

I don't know a whole lot about wine, as is evident by my "happy face" "sad face" wine rating system. Wine is either good or not good. Ok, sometimes very not good. This is where you come in. I know there are some wine connoisseurs reading this along with some neophyte wine samplers, like myself.

Whether you can wow us with your insight or are more the wow-ee join us for our May event, a wine tasting at my house (details below). Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, any type, for everyone to try. We will drink wine and make pseudo-snobby comments about them (mine will be garnered slyly from the label – voila, vino verbiage!). If wine does nothing for you, bring your poison and come on out. There will be game playing and what-not. Our April event at Brews Brothers was hugely enjoyable. We celebrated an early birthday for

headquarters indicates that as of 3/31/2006 41 local members had not yet renewed their membership. Some of you may have been late submitting your renewal and some of you will do it in April and May, but it is highly likely we will have a significant decline in our end of April report.

On to better news. Our March membership gain of 3 was caused by 5 additions and 2 departures caused by relocations. Frederick Boswell moved from Destin to Luverne, AL and Raina Whitman relocated from Fort Walton Beach to Kenner, LA. The 5 additions came from 2 members rejoining after extended absences of more than 1 year, 2 brand new members, and 1 relocation to our area. Rejoining were **James Hamilton** in Pensacola and **Rhonda Wallis** in Gulf Breeze. We are glad to have you both back. New to Mensa are **Alexander Nieto** in Navarre and **Roger Straley** in Panama City. We are glad the 2 of you decided to join. And completing our gains is **Nels Neumann** who moved from De Leon Springs, FL to Panama City Beach, FL. Welcome to Northwest Florida.

## Lest We Forget. . .

By Robert C. Ogden

I saw Lech Walesa, former President of Poland, at UWF with my daughter Jessica and a couple of her friends. Two thousand people filled the "old" field house. It was amazing. It was a bit startling to me to realize that the events Lech Walesa referred to occurred or at least began before my group of my daughter's college roommates and friends were born! No wonder they did not know him, but they learned. President Walesa spoke for a little over an hour. He was preceded by a dual large screen presentation of an excerpt of a PBS documentary on the Solidarity triumph of 1980, with a brief history of the previous attempt in 1976, which ended in tanks crushing protestors in the streets. He spoke of the actions of the Solidarity

Terri Culbertson, fellow GenXer and Northwest Florida Mensa President. We ate, drank, and played trivia. We had two "new" members come out and hang with us regulars. "New" meaning they were not new to Mensa but this was the first event they attended. Hey guys, we're glad you came out! See we don't bite, what are you waiting for?

May Event: Wine Tasting - Saturday, May 20th from 4:00-8:00 PM, Heidi's house: 221 Cevallos St., downtown Pensacola, 433-1465. Bring a favorite wine for everyone to try.

June Event: Dinner and Drinks - Saturday, June 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM, downtown Pensacola, Ragtyme Sports Grille, 201 S Jefferson St. Heidi Daniels - GenX Coordinator, hsdaniels@gmail.com

The GenX group is comprised of all Mensans born between 1961 and 1981 whose sole purpose is to provide an opportunity to cavort with like-aged Mensans. No ID needed, so, if you aren't GenX but any event interests you, please join us!

## Seven Trivia Questions

**Dr. Dan Finley, Brain Bowl Coach & Health Sciences Professor, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City.**

Dr. Dan invites you to submit a guest trivia question to [dfinley@gulfoast.edu](mailto:dfinley@gulfoast.edu) for possible inclusion in future columns.

1. From The Da Vinci Code, what is the numerical series 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21 called?
2. What is the name of the art form in which Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa?
3. Is it possible to drown in quicksand?
4. On March 9, 1796, Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine, whom he would divorce in 1810. Before the marriage, what was Josephine's name?
5. Coined by Dan Brown, the author of The Da Vinci Code, a cryptex is a portable vault, in which to hide messages. Cryptex is an example of a portmanteau. What is a portmanteau?
6. What musical term is defined as a style of musical composition, in which two or more independent melodies are juxtaposed in harmony?
7. What is the meaning of the literary term

Movement, which he claimed ended the era of the old systems and institutions, inspired by an urge for freedom and a Polish Pope, John Paul II. He said that the era of two superpowers was over and that the US once was the "good" and the USSR the "bad" with the one getting the credit and the other the blame for the state of the global system. Now, he offered, there was only one superpower, and the world waits to see whether credit or blame is in order. Economically we are superior, he said, as well as militarily.

As to moral superiority, President Lech Walesa left the question hanging in the air. Will the USA prove to be morally superior? He said rather poignantly that the USA was once a haven for those seeking support for freedom. Then he said forcefully that we must become that hope again! President Walesa said what was required then was solidarity of trade unions. Now, he said, we need a greater, broader solidarity, to cope with the changes required to re-engineer old institutions or reinvent them to navigate safely the future.

We must review the old institutions, and determine which of these, if any, will serve us in the 21st Century. Old political ideas and institutions, like the economic ones, may not survive the new age before us!

He said that the status quo of 10% of the people owning 90% of the world's wealth cannot be maintained. Somehow, parity must be achieved, or at least set as a goal. The disparity between the African continent and the rest of the global economies is too great to sustain, he said. China must be dealt with, as the huge population alone will allow it to prevail globally if current trends continue. The UN must become effective, or fall to a new more vital global government. Yes, he said Global Government. The USA must lead the response to the global challenges. Ecology is a global problem; Chernobyl proved that truth. He offered that globalization was neither good nor bad but rather simply inevitable. Some globalization will occur organically, such as satellite Television / Radio / Telephone / Internet etc. Some globalization, he offered, will require planning.

He said we must require leadership of our politicians. Leadership is lacking in the USA he

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## Sasquach or not to sasquach

Roaming the wilds of Northern California, Jerry Gilbert came across this "Sasquach" trap (also known as Bigfoot, Yeti, or Skunk Ape). That's Jerry, which gives you an idea of the size of this contraption. There were no signs of a Sasquach having visited the trap.

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said plainly. We must require leadership in looking beyond election horizons, beyond personal gain, beyond today. We must have faith, and require faith. Morality, he said, was a key to success.

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## ExComm Minutes

*by John Mochan*

The Executive Committee Meeting was held during an open house at the Mochans' in Fort Walton Beach on April 22, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:10PM. Attending were: Terri Culbertson, John Mochan, Bob Ulrich, Bobby Wicke, and Bob and Joanne Horne.

**President:** The recent GenX activities have been very successful. Heidi Daniels is doing a great job coordinating these events and has a few new ones planned for the near future. Jonathan Miller is planning a GenX and children's trip to The Zoo on HWY 98, probably in July.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Editor:** Sending the Pensamensa newsletter electronically is saving the group over \$60 per month. If you can get along without a paper copy, please help the group and sign up for electronic distribution. Call Bobby Wicke at 862-2874 or email her at bobwick@gnt.net.

**Membership:** We gained three members and are now at 210! See Bob's article for details. *Does someone in the Panama City area have Bob's cheesecake knife?* It was left there at some past event.

**Nominations Committee:** So far, John Mochan is running for President, Heidi Daniels is running for Vice President, and Jerry Gilbert is running for Treasurer. If you want to run or nominate someone, contact Chairman of the Nominations Committee at 609-3372 or bnichols23@cox.net or Mabel Loesch at 433-2358 or mloesch@bellsouth.net. Nominations must be made by June 15.

**OLD BUSINESS** – We still need help in

## Milestones

**Mensaversaries:** As of this month, the following Mensans have maintained continuous membership in American Mensa Ltd. for the years shown. These anniversaries may not accurately reflect the total number of years in Mensa if a break in membership for one or more years has occurred.

24 R.A. Isaacs  
23 James Lynn Smith  
12 Harvey Richard Hall  
10 John Mochan  
8 Ross Goldberg  
8 William H. Davie II  
6 Gary Allen Bills  
4 Rosalie N. Shaffer  
3 Jennifer Clark  
2 Ryanne Moore  
1 Ed Wicke

### Happy May Birthdays!

3 Richard Henson  
4 Jonathan Bryan Muldoon  
5 Harvey Richard Hall  
10 Kermit Hemmert  
11 Gretchen K. Gilligan  
13 Dennis Arnold  
15 Richard A. Clinchy III  
15 Arthur Krzeminski  
17 Sean Dobes  
17 Robert C. Henderson  
19 W. Fred Bond  
20 Cathy Williams  
28 Daniel Stevens Murray  
29 Tami L. Volk  
30 Steven Kramer  
30 Michele Buzek

modernizing our web site. If you have experience in web design and/or maintenance, please volunteer.

**The Garage Sale is scheduled at the Mochans' in Fort Walton Beach on May 27.** If you have items to donate but cannot deliver them, please call John Mochan at 585-3194 and he will arrange transport.

Our checking account will be moved very soon to Compass Bank. **NEW BUSINESS** - American Mensa is offering 2 for 1 testing during June. Get the word out. Bring a friend along to take the Mensa Admissions Test for moral support and they get it free. Tell all your friends! Contact any Test Proctor for more details and to schedule a test.

Joanne Horne and Mary Ann Mochan will make aprons for the volunteers for the July 2007 Annual Gathering in Birmingham. We need someone to embroider them with "007 – Licensed to Feed!"

Next month's meeting will be Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 2:00PM at the home of Heidi Daniels in downtown Pensacola. It will be followed by a 4:00PM Wine Tasting Party. Bring a snack and your favorite bottle to share with your friends. The June 17, 2006 Excomm meeting will be at the home of Bob and Joanne Horne in Fort Walton Beach during the Annual Pool Party. Adjourned at 2:55.

## Value for the Money - Part 2

*David L. Hecht*

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America used to produce things of value; now it just exports raw materials and jobs. The good jobs – in information technology and in manufacturing – are all being "outsourced" – sent "offshore" – to places where people subsist on 50 cents a day, and

## Answers to Seven Trivia Questions:

1. It is a Fibonacci sequence, a progression in which each number is equal to the sum of the two preceding numbers.
  2. Sfumato [SU-ma-TOW], an Italian word meaning "to evaporate", is the technique of blurring or softening sharp outlines by subtle and gradual blending (feathering) of one tone into another. The smoke-like haziness of this effect slightly lessens the perception that a still image is entirely still and, instead, lends a vague sense of movement.
  3. No. Quicksand is a mixture of fine sand, clay and saltwater. Contradictory to the drama depicted "in the movies", after sinking about waist-deep into the mire, a victim will float.
  4. Josephine, the widow of Alexander, Vicomte de Beauharnaise, who lost his head to the guillotine in 1794, went by the name, Rose, before marrying Napoleon Bonaparte. However, the general was not fond of that name and insisted that she be called Josephine. Her birth name was Marie Josephe Rose Tascher de la Pagerie.
  5. A portmanteau is a blend word, derived by combining two or more separate words. Cryptex is a blend of "cryptology" and "codex." Smog (smoke + fog) is another example.
- Thanks to Bob Horne, who tells us that a portmanteau is also a suitcase that divides into two hinged compartments.
6. Polyphony [puhl-IF-oh-NEE]
  7. Derived from the French word denoer (to untie) and the Latin word nodus (a knot), a denouement is the final outcome of a complicated series of events.

## Précis

*by Fraser Sherman*

*What, if anything, is the Bible? MISQUOTING JESUS: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Bart Ehrman is a good

consider themselves lucky to have work at all. And the government doesn't merely fail to try to prevent this hemorrhage of jobs; instead, it actively colludes in it.

We are in deeply perilous times, and the powerful are pretending that everything's just fine. That's because, for those with enough money, it is – for the moment. In my opinion, China is in an undeclared economic war with the U.S., stealing our jobs and draining our dollars, then renting them back to us; and the government and the wealthy are doing everything in their power to aid the enemy. At the same time, if the overinflated real-estate market were to collapse like the overinflated securities market did in 1929, the destruction of wealth for all those millions of homeowners would make the great depression look like a garden party. This collapse could create the most dangerous economic climate since the period preceding the Bolshevik revolution. The very rich think that they will be protected, but a falling tide grounds all boats. By thinking not merely selfishly but meanly, they could be hastening their own demise as surely as the Czars did before 1917, or the French nobility did before 1789. Again and again, the privileged classes forget that (as Bob Dylan succinctly put it) “When you got nothin,’ you got nothin’ to lose.”

Those who aren't familiar with where this pattern leads need only look to Haiti, the perennial basket- case of the Americas, where most people have nothing, and the very few lord it over them. There, the haves have ripped off the have-nots mercilessly for two centuries. The hills are all denuded of trees, which have been cut down to make charcoal; and the rivers run brown with lost topsoil, miles out to sea. Grinding poverty meets eco-catastrophe. In such an atmosphere, everyone aspires to be a bully and a predator, and democracy is little more than “two wolves and a sheep voting on what's for dinner.” The few wealthy can play king of the hill for a time – till revolutions sweep them away.

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Part 3 will appear in the June issue.

discussion of textual variations in the Bible (“There are more variant forms of the New Testament than there are words in the New Testament.”); how they evolved through scribal error, deliberate interpolation (“The story of the woman taken in adultery apparently came from oral tradition, since it isn't in any of the earliest Gospels.”) and revision for theological reasons; and why it was Protestants who developed textual criticism (“Catholic scholars pointed out that a creed that depends on the written word has to have the words exactly, whereas Catholics are guided by the accumulated tradition of the church.”). Not as radical as some local critics made me anticipate, and quite well done.

**WHOSE BIBLE IS IT? A History of the Scriptures Through the Ages** by Jaroslav Pelikan, is a broader chronicle of the Bible's evolution, from Jewish (and later Christian) oral tradition to a collection of written text; then the development of those writings from Hebrew to Greek, Latin to vernacular tongues (with all the limitations and problems imposed by translation) and the changes in interpretation imposed by the transformation from (for instance) “sacred Jewish text” to “sacred Christian Old Testament” to “really important historic document. Less entertaining than Ehrman, but a good overview.

## **Don't get old: there's no future in it.**

**by Bobbye Sikes Wicke**

Aging gracefully is tough work. (So is aging disgracefully, but at least that makes everyone else miserable too.)

Geriatric care and maintenance is like taking care of an old car: this year the alternator; next year a part you didn't know you had. Unfortunately, physicians, like mechanics, prefer to take care of younger models. Fortunately, there are repairs to alleviate the physical and social wounds of aging. You only have to find out what they are, what may work and what may not; and then you need to be

# The Tenth Story

## *RVC Column for Region 10*

We have begun our new membership year, and if you didn't renew, then this is your last copy of your newsletter! This might be a good time to think about buying a life membership. My husband Eddie did so last time around and likes the idea of no longer having to remember to renew. I am waiting until 2007, only because that is when my multi-year membership runs out. Then we will both be lifers!

I am going to stop trying to inform you of all the new perks the membership committee keeps coming up with. It is hard to keep up, and I see that many of the editors are putting the information in the newsletters in other places. If you want to check on what is available, there is a listing for them on the national website ([us.mensa.org](http://us.mensa.org)).

I hope that you are planning to attend the Tampa Bay Mensa RG "Sense and Mensability" on Memorial Day Weekend. Those folks in Tampa do know how to throw a great party! Go to their website ([tampa.us.mensa.org](http://tampa.us.mensa.org)) and read all about the plans for "Sense and Mensability."

Circumstances will prevent us from attending this year, only because my daughter is getting married that weekend, and family does come first. Have a great time for us!

At the time of this writing, there are about 1300 Mensans registered for the World Gathering, coming up in August. There was a scheduled increase in price for March 31, but that price increase has been postponed until May 15. So save some money and go to the national website to register now! You can also find out pretty much everything you want to know about the World Gathering on the website, including the nearly full list of speakers.

The Region 10 e-list is being very quiet. I hope that is a good thing, meaning that there are no problems to deal with, and not a case of ennui.

Until next month,

**Maggie Truelove, Regional Vice Chair, Region 10**

rich enough, and/or have great health insurance, or be dirt-poor enough qualify for Medicaid.

Repairs are not the end of your troubles, just a form of increasingly expensive and exotic maintenance. The regular maintenance, just like oil, gas, tires, tune-ups, goes on and on, as long as the vehicle is running. The definition of "running" shrinks in inverse proportion to the model year of the human vehicle.

Skin, that early warning sign of impending decrepitude, has repair options. Invest in surgery. Get fat - fat smooths out wrinkles! Convert to Islam and cover up. Cover your mirrors? Proclaim your wrinkles and bags to be medals for explempary service!

Moving parts like joints are mostly fixable. Use it or lose it - it's better to wear out than rust shut, even though it hurts. I thought I'd take up golf when I got too old for tennis. Now that I'm old enough to play golf, I'm too poor to play golf. I'm still available for tennis, anyone?

Fixing stuff: It is easy to feel like another insignificant ingredient in the great sausage factory of surgery, especially when you know what they're going to say if they screw up. If you're not too far past middle age, they say, "What a loss! We did our best!" If you're old, they say, piously, "It was his/her time," or even worse, "He/she's in a better place."

On the bright side of fixing stuff, techniques are enormously improved and the results can be fabulous, if 1) you get a damned good surgeon, and 2) you do what you're told - including physical therapy which hurts like hell. To achieve #1), you must research your problem and potential surgeons thoroughly. Ask doctors, nurses, and patients about surgeons, and ask the prospective surgeon hard questions. As tactfully as you can, ask how many such procedures he's done and his mortality and morbidity rates - not all surgeons are created equal. Your mind: Never, never admit you don't remember! The correct response is "Let me think about that and get back to you." There is a Wiseacre out there with a spreadsheet, and once He checks the Dementia box, nothing you say in the future will be given any credence.

Menopause is a hormonal storm in no way as exciting or as much fun as puberty. Puberty = manic behavior and alarming personality changes;

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## Calendar

*Where no specific phone number is given, call 850-377-5042.*

**Friday, May 5, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. First Friday in Pensacola**, L-o-n-g Lunch at Scenic 90 Café, 701 Scenic Highway, Pensacola. Drop in for a long visit if you can, a short one if you can't. As you enter the restaurant, go to your right and to the rear.

**Sat., May 13, 11:30 a.m. Second Saturday in Panama City**. Lunch at Chef Imondi's Downtown, 448 Harrison Avenue, Panama City.

**Tues., May 16, 7 p.m., Third Tuesday in Pensacola**. Dinner at Hunan's Chinese Buffet, 3102 E. Cervantes St. (Hwy 90 E). Our early arrivals will stake out the best available area, generally past the cash register and to the left, but look for the Mensa logo or a newsletter. John Bolyard, 435-3169 or jbolyard@uwf.edu.

**Friday, May 19, 5 p.m., Happy Hour at TGI Friday** - the new one at 747 Mary Esther Cutoff in Mary Esther. TGIF is well known for its generous hors d'oeuvres at Happy Hour; we'll see if the new one upholds this tradition. It's on the west side at the corner of Anchors St. and Mary Esther Cutoff. Dave Howard is our coordinator - he and Tehane will be there at 5 p.m. 897-5702 or davehoward01@earthlink.net.

**Sat., May 20, 2 p.m. ExComm, Open House and Wine Tasting at the home of Heidi Daniels**, 221 Cevallos St., Pensacola, FL 32502. Heidi's phone: 433- 1465 or hsdaniels@gmail.com. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine and/or a snack to share. **And, beginning about 4, here's a chance to check out what the GenXers are up to:**

**Sat., May 20, 4 - 8 p.m., GenX Wine Tasting** at the home of Heidi Daniels. Check out vital statistics on page 18.

**Directions:** From Gulf Breeze, cross 3- mile

menopause = depression and scary personality changes. The psychological impact can be far more devastating than the physiological impact. Survive ANY way that works for you, including estrogen (try not to think about all those pregnant mares pissing for you).

"Male menopause" - Oh, for heaven's sake, grow up. Get some Viagra and reward your significant other for putting up with you through all this. Or chuck it all, get a bimbo, and look like a pathetic old fool trying to look macho. Just remember that the "young man's slave" days are over and the "old man's darling" days ain't free.

You may find increased tolerance, even respect, from younger generations, except for muggers and rapists. Maybe not. Don't sweat it.

If there are hopefully romantic seniors hanging about you, confiding your physical problems will send them away forever - Voila! A fait accompli with no hurt feelings. For men, this may backfire because some women persist in wanting to nurture the weaker sex. Admittedly, the words, "I want to take care of you," are tempting, even though there are a few strings attached. Alas, those strings may become a cocoon from which you will not emerge alive.

## Another photo from Panama

*the country, not our PC, FL!*

**Bhai Temple, photographed by Jo Horne on the Horne/Harris excursion to Panama.** Jo wrote: "Roberta and I went up here - to a mountain top! This temple is lit up at night and is bright and inviting. The brochures available on site said the Republic of Panama was selected as the site for the Mother Temple of Latin American because it is at this point that the East and West are united through the Panama Canal."

bridge into Pensacola and turn left at the Civic Center light onto 9th Avenue. Take the second right onto Romana St. At the clock tower in the middle of the road take a left onto Cevallos St. The townhouse is on the right before you get to the stop sign. Park across the street in the gravel parking lot.

From I-10/I-110, where I-110 ends at the civic center, turn right onto 9th Avenue. Take the second right onto Romana St. At the clock tower in the middle of the road take a left onto Cevallos St., and follow the directions above.

**May 26, 11:30 a.m., New time! Last Friday in Shalimar. Lunch at Shalimar Cheers Pub, 1270 North Eglin Parkway:** their # is 651-2740. It's at the back of a yellowish office building immediately north of the courthouse, turn at the red-and-yellow sign and go through the parking area all the way to the back and to the right.

**May 27, 7 a.m.- 1 p.m. - YARD SALE!** Bring your old stuff or call the officer nearest you (see inside front cover) to pick it up. Bring your income tax refund or your children's piggy bank and buy wonderful, much better, new old stuff. Don't leave anything in John's garage!

**May 27, 2:00 p.m. Newsletter Assembly and Games** - at the home of John and Mary Ann Mochan, 616 Overbrook Drive. Ft. Walton Beach. Bring a snack or beverage, enjoy John's brownies, fold, staple, mutilate and stamp and get your newsletter early. Maybe you'll win a game, too.

Directions: [jmochan@cox.net](mailto:jmochan@cox.net) or 850-585-3194.

**Tentative June events:** June 2, Lunch, Pensacola; **June 6, Tuesday at Morrie's!** June 10, Lunch, Panama City; June 16, Happy Hour TBA; June 17, Open House and ExComm, FWB; June 20, Dinner, Pensacola; June 30, Lunch at Cheers, Shalimar; July 1, Newsletter/Games Day, FWB.

GenX June Event: Dinner and Drinks - Saturday, June 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM, downtown Pensacola, Ragtyme Sports Grille, 201 S Jefferson St. Heidi Daniels, [hsdaniels@gmail.com](mailto:hsdaniels@gmail.com)

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Crestview Lunch Group. Call Lovic Thomas at (850) 682-4133 to arrange a lunch get-together.

## **A Chess Problem**

### **from Lars Runar**

#### **April solution:**

1. — Nf1
2. Kh1 Qh2
3. Nh2 Nfg3 Mate

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Photography SIG. Dan Murray in Pensacola (455-6339) found out there was no camera club anywhere near him, so he started one.

Pinochle SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at 850) 939-5882 or [pinochledd@aol.com](mailto:pinochledd@aol.com). He will coordinate dates/times/schedules and is willing to host the games. For beginners too.

Shooting SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at [pinochledd@aol.com](mailto:pinochledd@aol.com) or 939-5882 to go shooting during the week at the Escambia River Muzzleloader's range - modern small arms allowed.

