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9/24: MONTHLY DINNER MEETING ----- 5:30 pm, Blue Goose Restaurant, 5:30 pm, 306 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Prosser (see Maps, web site). The Great Prosser Balloon Rally “Night Glow” takes place later at Fiker Stadium in Prosser (on Paterson , with massed balloons anchored on display. The event time, “dusk”, will be about 5:30 to 7:30?, and the usual dinner time is moved back to allow for member’s interest in viewing the display. There is a musical program as well—for details the Prosser Chamber of Commerce phone# is on web site below, or contact locsec as I have emails out asking for details. Remember, during the day there is the balloon launch at 6 am at the airport, the Street Painting Festival in downtown Prosser, AND a blues festival and street dancing in the evening. More info: [www.prosserballoonrally.org/](http://www.prosserballoonrally.org/) or [www.chamberprosser.org](http://www.chamberprosser.org) . The Blue Goose is an outstanding restaurant, and reservations are a good idea for dinner: [Locsec at crm.us.mensa.org](http://Locsec.at.crm.us.mensa.org) or 509-946-8309. Prospective members welcome.

HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER ----- National office is accepting checks to donate from Mensans. Make checks out to Red Cross - Disaster Relief and send to American Mensa Ltd. (Disaster Relief), 1229 Corporate Drive West, Arlington, TX 76006-6103. Kadlec Hospital will double your donation, call 946-4611 and ask for Community Service (not just for employees).

NATIONAL TESTING DAY ----- In the September issue of the Bulletin there will be a postcard about NTD. Please send or give it to a friend, as this is some of the best publicity available! Please also look for an emailed poster (separate from the Chinook), and copy and post it in a good place. NTD is October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Richland, and November 5<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg. Refer interested parties to: [Testing@crm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Testing@crm.us.mensa.org) .

NEWBORN PROSPECTIVE MENSANS ----- CONGRATULATIONS Reese (our webmaster) Femreite & Nancy Tincher. We hope you are getting enough sleep again soon!!

FINALLY ANOTHER EMAIL GROUP? ----- National Web Coordinator Steven Szymczak has set up an email group for us. To subscribe, send an Email to [CRM-Talk-request at lists.us.mensa.org](mailto:CRM-Talk-request@lists.us.mensa.org), with “subscribe” in the

subject line. I believe it is open to all Mensans. If you prefer it be limited to our Group, email Locsec. There is a web page for users:  
<http://www.lists.us.mensa.org/mailman/listinfo/crm.talk> .

SEATTLE REGIONAL GATHERING ----- Reminder that Seattle (Mensa of Western Washington) is having an RG around Halloween. See their web site RG page for details: [www.mensaww.org/gather.htm](http://www.mensaww.org/gather.htm).

CONTRIBUTION FROM PATRICIA THOMAS ----- How about making this a contest: Any smart-alecks out there, send in your response and the best 3 in each category will be printed next month. Any volunteers to help judge: contact locsec at [crm.us.mensa.org](http://crm.us.mensa.org).

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
8. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
10. Is there another word for synonym?
11. Where do Forest Rangers go to "get away from it all?"
12. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
13. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
15. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them? 16. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

17. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
18. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
19. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
20. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
21. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
22. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
23. Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
24. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
25. How is it possible to have a civil war?
26. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?
27. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
28. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
29. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have "S" in it?
30. Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "asteroids"?
31. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
32. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
33. If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented?

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