

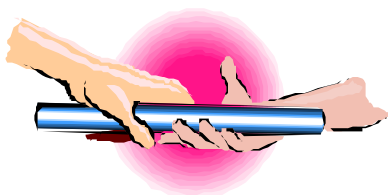
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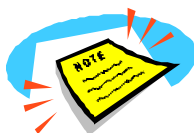
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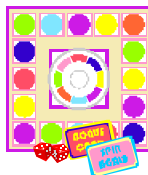
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New Editor

Next month, you'll see some changes on the masthead. I'm stepping down as editor of *The Flame*. Doug Paul will be taking over, starting with the July issue.

I have heard many stories about the mini-dramas and power trips that take place in local groups, causing people to resign positions. That's not the case here at all. The group of people who take care of business for Central Florida Mensa, while we don't agree on every single thing, get along very well. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with them – and I consider them my friends.

I just decided that I need a break. For the past 7 years, I have held some position of responsibility for Mensa (Treasurer, LocSec, RVC, and Editor in Texas and Florida). My new position at work requires a lot of hours in the office (and on call.) It seems that I have very little free time any more, and the CFM newsletter was taking up a whole bunch of it.

I really fretted over this decision until I heard that Doug was willing to take the position. When you work on a newsletter for a couple of years, it starts to feel a little like a baby, and you get very protective. I know that Doug has the experience, dedication and creativity to do a great job with *The Flame*, so I'm not worried at all about the welfare of my "baby."

One of the other reasons this transition is going to be smooth is that Maggie Truelove has agreed to resume the position of LocSec, to allow Doug the time to edit the newsletter.

I have a whole list of things I'd like to do with my free time, and it is likely that you will see my name on an article once in a while.

Thank you all for your support and contributions over the past two years. I'm sure you will give Doug the same level of support

Sincerely,

Karen Lary

Doug In Deep, Redux

Doug Paul, LocSec

Last month, I mentioned that I never expected to write any more LocSec columns, but history has a funny way of repeating itself. That was more true than I could have thought - this will most likely be the last LocSec column I write for quite some time! The June ExCom meeting should result in some major changes - current Editor Karen Lary has expressed her desire to step down from that position and I will be resigning my post as LocSec to take the reins of the newsletter. I edited the newsletter of my former local group for about four years, and it is by far my preferred job within Mensa. Luckily, Maggie Truelove has also generously offered to resume the post of LocSec. Don't expect to see any major changes to The Flame, Karen has done an admirable job the past years and there's no reason to fix that which isn't broken. I warmly thank Karen for her tireless and expert efforts in putting out a top-notch newsletter, and hope that I can measure up to her legacy.

In other news, I attended the Leadership Development Workshop in Hollywood, FL late last month. It was a very enjoyable day, kind of like attending a mini-RG with a very full program schedule filled with information and fun from a variety of speakers including RVC5 Ike Kullman, RVC10 Elissa Rudolph, and National Marketing Director Jim Blackmore. Attendance was impressive; around 35 active Mensans from Central and South Florida were there to share experiences and ideas about making Mensa more enjoyable for all its members. Congratulations to our RVC Elissa for expertly organizing such a well-attended and smooth-running event.



It's never too early to volunteer to help with the next Central Florida Mensa Regional Gathering!

If you would like to help with Smarti Gras 2004, contact RG Chair Nora Foust.

The Tenth Story

RVC Column for Region 10 - June

Wow! Again, our region has been recognized, over and over again, for the very hard (read, frustrating!) work involved in putting together newsletters and building Web sites. You can see the entire list of nominations on the National Web site, but here's just a brief mention, just the newsletter and group name, of our own region's stars: *SCAM*, Space Coast Area Mensa, up for several awards (print and Web site) including medium group owl; *Tampa Bay Sounding*, Tampa Bay Mensa, several awards (print and Web) including large group owl for their Web site; Flamenco, Miami Mensa, humor and essay awards; *PensaMensa*, Northwest Florida Mensa, photography award; *4M*, Manasota Mensa, up for medium group owl award, in contention with *SCAM*; and Manasota Mensa's Web site was also nominated for several awards. I hope you all win and if you are not at the AG, I would be happy to carry home your awards for you. I am so proud of this region and not just its stars, but also all of its editors, writers, labelers, designers, proofers, hoofers, woofers, etc.

Speaking of Manasota Mensa, I attended a picnic in May in a lovely Sarasota park with about 30 of this group's members. Despite the fact that I had apparently developed "east coast syndrome" and could not differentiate between east of I75 and west of I75, I had a wonderful time meeting new and veteran Ms. The picnic foods were fab—that chocolate cake!—and the company even better.

The April LDW in Ft. Lauderdale was a smashing success with 35 attendees from six of our twelve regions. That is just outstanding! Better yet, most attendees stayed all day and many joined us for dinner that evening at the Rustic Inn. Southwest by South Mensa was represented as well as Tampa Bay Mensa, Central Florida Mensa, Space Coast Area Mensa, Miami Mensa, Broward Mensa, and Palm Beach County Mensa. You guys...thank you!! And big thanks and applause to our speakers, Jim Blackmore, national marketing director, Ike Kullman, RVC5, Bonnie Wilpon, Tampa Bay M, and Janice Johnson, Palm Beach County M. You all contributed to the success of this venture.

Hope we were able to meet in Rocky Point!

Elissa Rudolph
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Sparks—A Column about Gifted Children

James R. Moon, Ph.D., MBA, Gifted Children Co-Coordinator

Ok fellow Mensans, it's time for a quiz. Ready? What do these six things have in common?

1. cheese
2. chocolate chip cookies
3. Coca-Cola
4. penicillin
5. Post-It® Notes
6. Silly Putty

Your answer? I'll wait. While I'm waiting, I will tell you a bit about perfectionism. Perfectionism is one of the three "P's" that often are problem areas for gifted children. The other two "P's" are procrastination and punctuality. Strangely enough all three "P's" can be interrelated. Kids who have difficulty with one "P" may have difficulties with all three. I will discuss procrastination and punctuality in future issues of Sparks.

Studies estimate that as many as 46% of gifted children have concerns surrounding "perfectionism." They always think they can do better. They expect themselves to be perfect in all areas of study, therefore when something goes wrong they undermine any prior success. They may personally feel like anything they do is not good enough.

If a gifted child can NEVER be satisfied with being adequate, they may be showing signs of perfectionism. If a gifted child can NEVER accept an average grade on a test or paper, they may be showing signs of perfectionism. Similarly, if they NEVER do just the minimum that's required, that too can be a sign of perfectionism. Also, if a child is extremely distraught after the occasional failure, perfectionism may be cause. Finally, if a child is not pleased with his or her past accomplishments, perfectionism may be present.

Gifted children may or may not be demanding of others, but perfectionistic gifted children are extremely demanding of themselves. Gifted children may

need help from parents, teachers and other adults to help them get themselves out of the self-defeating trap of perfectionistic thinking and perfectionistic behavior. Quite simply, perfectionists live a life filled with perpetual disappointments because sustained perfection is simply not possible. All too often, perfectionistic people are highly critical of themselves and become highly critical of others as well. Perfectionists are afraid of making mistakes and are afraid of revealing their weaknesses or imperfections. Sadly, they cannot accept that love can be unconditional, and become dissatisfied with situations and relationships that are not “ideal.” Distinctions between perfectionism and excellence are so important in order for perfection-prone kids to feel good about their accomplishments. Otherwise perfection-prone kids get burned out. Just having permission to try new things without having to worry about success or failure is so important for perfection-prone gifted children.

Perfectionists fail to take risks. They are afraid of making mistakes. However mistakes are crucial to the learning process. We usually learn more from our mistakes than from our successes. Thomas Edison tried over 1500 different filaments for the light bulb before finding the right one. When asked about the 1500 “failures,” Edison replied, “They weren’t failures. We now know 1500 light bulb filaments that don’t work.” Also, in the process of trying different filaments, Edison extended horticultural knowledge since many of his filaments were from fibers extracted from exotic plants.

If mistakes were never made, we’d never have had cheese, chocolate chip cookies, Coca-Cola, penicillin, Post-It® Notes, or Silly Putty. These were all the products of accidents or mistakes. Accidents and mistakes (not “necessity”) are the mothers of invention. So, have you figured out the answer to the quiz?

"If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?"

- Albert Einstein

Young Mensa

Keri Mathoniere, Gifted Children Co-Coordinator

Procrastination, Perfectionism, and Punctuality

The Young Mensa group of Central Florida Mensa presents a workshop for parents, teachers, and gifted children. Our own Dr. James Moon will address perfectionism in the Magnolia Room at the Downtown Orlando Public Library on July 19 from 2:00- 3:00 PM. Game day will follow from 3:00- 4:00 PM in the same room. Please RSVP to Keri at [Young_Mensa*yahoo.com](mailto:Young_Mensa@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend since space will be limited.

Mensa Family Picnic

Due to the success of last year's family picnic, we will hold this event once again at Red Bug Lake Park in Seminole County. Please feel free to bring a guest to the picnic and a dish to share. We look forward to meeting new friends and potential members!

See the calendar or YM website for more details. [Http://ym42.homestead.com](http://ym42.homestead.com)
password for June: Matrix

Here is a photo from the GenX dinner held at Pebbles restaurant downtown on May 3rd. Left to right are: Richard Jasen of NWFL Mensa, Kelly Jasen of NWFL Mensa, Keri Mathoniere, Eric Jontz CFM, Connie CFM, Nathan from Cerebrals High IQ Society, and Julie from Cerebrals.



A Request from the CFM SIGHT Coordinator

Buck Custer

The vacation season is fast approaching and we can expect to receive requests from visiting Mensans for accommodation and hosting. As your coordinator, I need to compile a list of CFM members who are willing to act as hosts. Hosts may be asked to guide visitors to local attractions, to suggest activities and, if willing, to provide accommodation.

If you are interested in being a host, please contact me or e-mail [buccus*aol.com](mailto:buccus@aol.com) and I will send you a Host Registration Form to fill out.

For those who are planning a trip and would like to be hosted by another chapter, I will send a Guest Registration Form for you to fill out and send to the SIGHT coordinator of the chapter you are visiting.

SCUBA SIG & Club Med SIG – Upcoming Events

John Adams, SCUBA SIG Coordinator

Erica Byrne, Club Med SIG Coordinator

August 9-13

The SCUBA SIG of American Mensa invites Mensa members worldwide to join us for 3 or 4 (or even 7!) days of SCUBA diving the beautiful Caribbean island of Cozumel. Snorkelers and beach-sitters welcome, too! Arrive early for extra diving. Afterwards, you can join the Club Med SIG in nearby Cancun for up to two weeks in the Caribbean (see below).

<http://lists.us.mensa.org/mailman/listinfo/scubasig-announce>,
[SCUBASIGTrip2003*us.mensa.org](mailto:SCUBASIGTrip2003@us.mensa.org).

Contact Ann Faget

Houston TX 77062-2024, USA.

August 14-18 -- Wet Wild Waterski Weekend

Join athletic Mensans of the Club Med SIG for a lo-o-ong weekend (or a whole week) of water-skiing, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, snorkeling, French food, and more SCUBA diving (Los Cenotes!).

Wednesday flights to the Caribbean are on sale, so come early and stay a whole week! Contact Erica Byrne at [embyrne*attglobal.net](mailto:embyrne@attglobal.net) or see www.MensaClubMed.org.

June 2003 Schedule of Events

Every event listed in *The Flame* must specify a contact person who is a current member in good standing of Central Florida Mensa.

4 WED International Folk Dancing 7:30 PM-10:00 PM

From I-4, take 408E (toll road) to Goldenrod exit. Get in the inside right turn lane and then get in the left turn lane for Lake Underhill. Go East on Lake Underhill for about two miles through 3 traffic lights. The 4th light will be Econ. Trail. Turn right on Econ. (South) If you reach Curry Ford Road, you went too far.

Turn down the road on the property and look for the dance studio behind the house. It is also possible to take 417 (toll road). Consult a local map. For help, call or e-mail henderp*bellsouth.net.

6 FRI First Friday 7:00 PM

Join the hostess Nora Foust, for First Friday at TooJays Deli near Altamonte Mall. Directions: I-4 to 436; East on 436 past Altamonte Mall to traffic light for Florida Hospital. Make a U-turn (legal) and TooJays is behind Saltwater Jack's on the right. See ya there!

8 SUN ExCom Meeting 3:00 PM

The Executive Committee meets at the Trueloves' home. For those coming from downtown Orlando, Take Orange Ave. South to Hoffner. (this is the split area of Edgewood with Orange southbound and Hansel northbound) take Hoffner approx.

We are 2nd house on right, but only the 1st driveway. For the neighbors' sake, please stay off grass. The street can park both sides and still have traffic flow. Lost? Call Maggie.

10 TUE Flame Deadline

10 TUE Calendar Deadline

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>
1	2	3	7:30pm -- Fol Dancing
8 3:00pm – ExCom Meeting	9	10 6:00pm – Movable Feast SIG CALENDAR DEADLINE FLAME DEADLINE	7:30pm -- Fol Dancing
15	16	17	7:00pm – Wr Brain SIG 7:30pm -- Fol Dancing
22 2:00pm – Games Afternoon 3:00pm – Family Picnic	23	24 TBD – YM Movie Night	7:30pm -- Fol Dancing
29	30		

	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
4	5	6 7:00pm – First Friday	7
1	12	13	14 12:00pm -- Mensa Testing 1:00pm – Free Inquiry Society 7:30pm – 2 nd Sat. Games Night
8 —	19	20 6:00pm – Bacchus SIG	21 12:00pm – 3 rd Sat. in Lake County
5	26	27 6:00pm – Book Discussion Group	28 6:00pm – Polk County PIG SIG 7:30pm – Games Night

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27 FRI

Book Discussion Group

6:00 PM

6:00 Supper (BYO sandwich, drink) 7:00 Title: When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals by Susan McCarthy, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson. This national bestseller exploring the complex emotional lives of animals was hailed as "a masterpiece" by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas and as "marvelous" by Jane Goodall. Non-Mensa group -- contact Deborah Helle. University Unitarian Universalist Society, 11648 McCulloch Rd: From Univ. Ave. go north on Rouse Rd. 1.0 mi; east on McCulloch Rd. 0.5 mi.

28 SAT

Polk County PIG SIG

6:00 PM

Lakeland - Meet at Molly McHugh's Irish Pub for dinner and Guinness Stout. Moderate prices. 111 Kentucky Avenue South in downtown Lakeland. Call Stewart for information.

28 SAT

Games Night

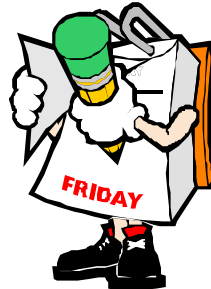
7:30 PM

Kitty: \$3, BYOB. Games Night, hosted by George and Linda Lennox. DIRECTIONS: From State Road 436, go East on Red Bug Lake Road 4.3 miles (just past Tuskawilla Rd.), and turn left onto Rising Sun Blvd. (Sunrise subdivision).

This calendar can also be found on our Web site:

www.cfm.us.mensa.org

**To get an event listed on the
CFM Calendar, contact
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Welfare SUV

Stewart B. Prince

The oft-told tale of the welfare Cadillac is based on the premise that older, used gas hogs became cheaply available to those of us in low-paid jobs such as newspaper writer or soda-bottle recycler. The luxury fuel misers were displayed inside the air-conditioned glass walled building, three feet from the Manager's desk. Meanwhile, the fuel-swillers got stashed along the chain link fence at the back of the property, beside the dumpster at used car departments. Pervious owners traded these behemoths for twelve dollars and seven cents towards Toyota Precises that roll forty miles per gallon.

Relatively speaking, in these days of dollar-eighty per gallon (price subject to increase without notice (believe me, you'll notice!)) of gasoline, a whole new class of motor vehicles is becoming available at affordable prices. Not the welfare Cadillac, but the welfare SUV.

The General Motors Hipposaurus series weighs two hundred pounds less than the USS Maine which mysteriously sank in Havana harbor in 1898, is a full fourteen inches shorter, and costs twelve dollars and seven cents to buy. Instead of running on five tons of anthracite shoveled into a firebox, the Hipposaurus runs on two thousand gallons of diesel fuel.

The Ford Excessive series – with stadium seating for thirty, its own zip code and roof-top helicopter pad – scored a negative number for fuel economy when evaluated by Consumer's Guideline. “We had to hitch on a tank trailer with an umbilical hose to the fuel tank filler. We couldn't pump fuel into it fast enough to drive it away from the pumps.”

The Chrysler Room 500 series – which requires a parking spot fifty-three square feet larger than Rhode Island – is often ordered with the optional towing package, super-sized wheels and tires, and Biloxi-style casino. The main and auxiliary four-hundred gallon fuel tank system allows it to make a trip to 7-eleven and back, a five block tour for a pack of Tom's Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers, without intermediate stops for refueling.

Owners of SUVs sometimes found themselves obligated to mortgage their grandmothers or indentured them as slaves to pay off the fuel bill charge cards. The next day the drivers went shopping for economical

vehicles. Dealers, desperate to make sales, got stuck with hundreds of SUVs from making trades for anything that got more than four miles per gallon. Average trade in value was six dollars and three of those little plastic-wrapped peppermints you see in the bowls at restaurant cashier's counters while you wait for the authorization from your VISA card.

We impoverished minimum-wage drivers skip lunch two days, then buy the SUVs and have no payments to make. That way we can afford to fuel them up and drive them to Lakeland. When our SUVs run out of fuel, we abandon them at the side of the road and walk home. Next morning the soda-bottle and can salvage guys push the night's accumulated SUVs to recycling facilities where they are converted into anvils and cannonballs for Wile E. Coyote and Roadrunner movies.

This explains the rows of expensive SUVs gathered around the welfare office. Offer no more than pocket change for any SUV. The drivers are impoverished and will be standing in line behind you making their welfare claims.

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Mind Games™ Named

More than 160 members of Mensa participated in this year's Mind Games™ competition in Houston. During the three-day competition, members played and rated 64 new board and card games. The 2003 winners are:

Octiles®, www.otb-games.com

TransAmerica™, www.riograndegames.com

Cityscape™, www.otb-games.com

Blokus®, www.blokus.com

Fire & Ice™, www.otb-games.com

Mind Games™ 2004 will be held April 16-18 in Chicago. You may register for Mind Games™ 2004 at mindgames.us.mensa.org.

SSSHHH!!!

An original quiz by George Lennox

The story is told that an official in South Africa was trying to do some work in his office but was being disturbed a group (perhaps a gaggle or a covey) of women conversing loudly in Xhosa, a language the official did not speak. A search was immediately initiated for someone conversant in that language and after an hour or so someone was located with the appropriate linguistic background. The linguist went up to the loquacious females, put his finger to his lips, and said SSSHHH!!!, which had an immediate effect. The sound of the 'sh' combination at the beginning of 'shoe' and the end of 'fish' does not seem to have been used by the ancient Greeks and Romans, although when Greek missionaries created the Cyrillic alphabet for the Slavs they invented a letter that looks rather like a Roman numeral III with the vertical lines joined at the bottom although in cursive script it looks more like a cursive 'w'. The languages of western Europe that use the Roman alphabet have all pretty much developed their own individual ways for spelling the 'sh' sound. In French it is 'ch', in German 'sch', in Dutch and the Scandinavian languages it is 'sj', in Polish it is 'sz', in Hungarian it is simply 's', in Italian 'sci' and in Portuguese it is 'x'. In Czech, Slovak, Slovenian, and Croat an inverted circumflex or wedge called a hacek (which itself has a wedge over the 'c' to make a 'ch' sound) is placed over an 's' to make an 'sh' sound. In Turkish an 's' is given a tail or cedilla like that usually placed under the 'c' in 'facade' by those who are more savvy at word processing than I am in order to give it an 'sh' sound. In this quiz each of the answers will contain an 'sh' sound somewhere, but each will spell it in a different way. Some may be fairly obscure borrowings from other languages, but all can be found in a fair-sized English dictionary.

1. A sergeant's mark of rank.
2. A very large body of salt water.
3. A Polish unit of currency, 1/100th of a zloty.
4. Any of a number of carbohydrates such as sucrose, glucose, dextrose, or fructose which are generally used as sweeteners.
5. A heavy leather whip, often of rhinoceros hide.
6. An individual serving.
7. A musical direction indicating that a passage should be played with freedom and without strictness.
8. A splitting, such as that of the atom in physics.
9. Excessively sentimental.
10. A fish of the silversides family including the jacksmelt of California (hint: the term being sought comes from the Portuguese for royal fish).

(Answers on page 21)

Black Lint

Stewart B. Prince

Tossing clothes and twisting the dials on the top of the washing machine is a casual chore I'll not let become a major enterprise. Most times I remember to measure a scoop of detergent into the tub before the machine fills and commences the REGULAR cycle. Despite sales pitches on television and in print touting all sorts of additives to supplement the detergent and water I acknowledge are required, I don't buy them. Not just to be persnickety, but because their products don't promise to solve problems I encounter with each load.

Stains down the fronts of my shirts are inevitable. I learned how to get food into my mouth with a spoon only by the time I was fifteen and in the sixth grade. With Sue's help I believe that with seven more years practice I could become deft with a fork. I inspect my shirts as I remove them from the washer. I've discerned all stains, including those on black fabrics are darker than the fabric itself. For this problem, I'd like to buy, instead of bleach for whites or a brightener for colored fabrics, a darkener for black. No one make it.

Towels present another problem. I like them skrinchy and rough when I dry off. If Sue gets to the laundry basket first, she dumps a cup of fabric softener into the washer as it RINSE cycles. I feel the towels seem to just slip and slide like plastic wrap over my whale-like body. Sometimes I consider going outside, draping a towel over the top strand, then drying off on the neighbor's barbed wire fence. To get that feeling indoors when I throw the towel over my back and dry myself I'd buy a box or bottle of fabric hardener. No one makes it.

Most of the time, despite Sue's admonitions and occasional threats of murder by scented dryer sheets, I toss everything into the washer in one load. Light – dark – cotton – polyester – stainless steel – wool – coins – paper tissues in pockets – with no separation. I've brushed off three and one half pounds of white lint from my black pants and Sue's black skirts and shorts when the machine finally completed the cycle. How come there is never purple sock-lint on yellow towels? How come white towels never show black lint? No one makes it.

If I'm merely ignorant and you know sources for darkener, hardener and black lint, please send the information in care of The Auburndale Sun.

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Max's Corner

Max Jackson

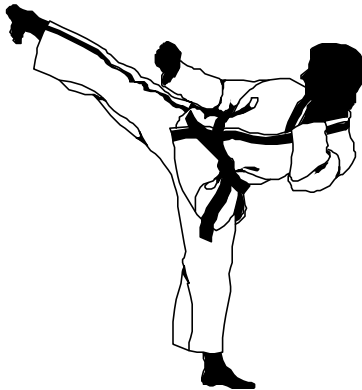
Tae Kwon Do

When I first walked into the local Tae Kwon Do dojo, I was scared, as I was afraid of getting beaten up by more experienced students. However, I was soon having fun, exercising and learning rolls. I have been going there for the past 7 years of my life, and have enjoyed my time there. I have learned much about self-defense, and I hope that I never have to use my knowledge.

I went through training believing that to get a Black Belt you had to be 16. I was perfectly content with a Junior Black Belt, until a month ago, when I was amazed to be given my Black Belt. I now lead the class in exercises and in other training.

Tae Kwon Do originated in the Korean Peninsula, and has only come into the West in the 20th century. My instructor, Master Richard Hackworth, was among the first non-Koreans to receive the title of a Grandmaster. I have enjoyed learning under him.

Now that I have reached a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, I will look into Hapkido. Hapkido is a Martial Art that is closely related to Tae Kwon Do, sharing similar origins. Hapkido focuses on finishing a fight quickly, while Tae Kwon Do is best for a prolonged fight.



Things You Wish You Could Say at Work

- I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
- I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.
- I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
- I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
- I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.
- It sounds like English, but I can't understand a word you're saying.
- Ahhh... I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
- I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
- You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
- I have plenty of talent and vision. I just don't give a darn.
- I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
- I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
- Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
- Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
- It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
- Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
- And your cry-baby whiny-butt opinion would be?
- Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.
- Errors have been made. Others will be blamed.
- Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.
- I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
- Too many freaks, not enough circuses.
- Chaos, panic, & disorder - my work here is done.
- I thought I wanted a career - turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Answers to quiz on page 18:

1. Chevron
2. Ocean
3. Grosz (plural: groszy)
4. Sugar
5. Sjambok
6. Portion
7. Sciolto
8. Fission
9. Schmaltzy
10. Peixe re

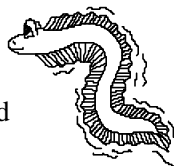
Have You Tried This One Yet?

suggested by Rick Obermeyer

Ah, June. Snuffle your nose into the nape of your beloved's neck, and reach for some of these aphrodisiac snacks.



Scaveccilaff



Cut into pieces two good-sized eels, after having washed them in water, and then in vinegar.

Put a spoonful of olive oil into a frying pan, and when boiling fry the pieces of eel in it until they become crisp. Take them out and drain well.

Now put in saucepan two glasses of vinegar with chopped onion, half a chili, a spray of rosemary, a crushed clove of garlic, a few cloves, two bay leaves, and three hard-boiled yolks of egg cut into pieces.

Boil for at least twenty minutes, then pass through a sieve. Place your pieces of eel in a deep dish and pour the liquor over them.

Serve cold the day after.



Scrambled Eggs and Kidney



Cut four kidneys into thin slice, and cook them with a small piece of butter and some chopped parsley. After one or two minutes, add a few tomatoes, peeled, cleaned and chopped, with pepper and salt. Let the kidneys stew for not more than five minutes, then put in eggs and scramble them until cooked.

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