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New Members Party: March 28th at 7 PM

Be there, or...or.. ..come up with your own consequences..

General Meeting 21 Mar @ 2PM
Denise McGovern discusses **The Role of Libraries in Modern Society.**

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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* January Scholarship poker top three: Carlos Navarrete - 2nd, Mitch McCarsky - 1st, Kim Speed - 3rd
Bottom: Nine thousand and eight feet above Sunrise Arizona.
Back *Eclectic Book Club* (on line due to the weather): A lively discussion of "The Remains of the Day" with a couple of Cathys, Julie, Laura, Charles, Larry, and Ignatz.

PLAN AHEAD

by Karen Brack

The general meeting speaker for April (April 18th, 2PM) will be Jonathan Pinckney, from the University of Texas at Dallas

Title of his talk is: **In the Streets and At The Table**: How nonviolent resistance helps build just, free, and peaceful societies. Come out and see what you can do to make the world a better place for all.

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

What about this roller coaster weather we're having lately? As I write this, it's a warm springlike afternoon after last week's ice storm that kept us all in a days long deep freeze. Crazy Texas weather! But welcome to March, everyone. I hope you're all looking at the March NTM calendar and choosing some SIGs and events to attend this month with your tribe. I very much enjoy the company of fellow Mensans. Don't miss the **New Member's Party** on Saturday **March 28th!**

And I want to remind you all that the general meeting has been moved to Saturday afternoon at 2pm on the 3rd Saturday--in March that's on the 21st. We hope that time change makes it more convenient for members to attend. And, as always, feel free to bring a friend. Also upcoming in April will be another docent-led tour of the Meadows Museum on the SMU Campus. There were several requests for a repeat performance. And we will be taking Mensans to the theater in June for some musical theater! Keep your eyes out for announcements of these upcoming events. Notices will be in the M-Aura as well as coming to you in your email inbox. Let me know of interesting places or events that you'd like to schedule as a future NTM "field trip".

Please remember that, if you're an annually renewing Mensa member, you'll need to do that by the end of March. I've already seen reminders from American Mensa.

Is there anything I'm forgetting?

IN MEMORIAM:

CAROLYN GARNER —1947-2026

A longtime NTM member, Carolyn served as a Major in the USAF, with two tours of duty in the Philippines and Taiwan. She was also a published author, and loved working as a librarian both at St. Philips Episcopal School in Dallas and later at the Cockrell Hill Elementary School in DeSoto. She even practiced Belly Dancing as a hobby. Carolyn is survived by her husband, Allen Garner; brother, Kent E. Skinner of Wylie and sister, Barbara R. Skinner of Knoxville.

REGION 6 VICE CHAIR — LAURA SMITH

Hi, Region 6!

Spring is about renewal and growth and Mensa is no exception! We're going into renewal season and March is also all about introducing prospective members to the best of who we are.

Throughout the month, prospects are invited to attend several national virtual events, including:

- Level Up! Leadership Workshop: Lead With Relationship
- Raising Gifted Children in the Age of AI
- What Is Mensa About (led by our AMC Chair and Membership/Marketing/Communication Officer)
- Mensa Foundation Speaker Series: Giftedness as Identity

LocSecs will also receive new prospect leads and may choose to follow up personally. A local welcome can turn curiosity into connection.

Our Brain Gain Challenge is still open! Whether your group focuses on membership growth or energizing current members, this is your chance to showcase results. Photos and outcomes will be featured this spring. Let's see what Region 6 can build. I haven't seen any submissions yet! Where are y'all???

And don't forget — SYNRG is coming Memorial Day weekend, and registration is open. This year's theme is Back to the Future, and we're bringing the energy: Texas Hold 'Em, BTF movie trivia (hosted by the legendary John Neemidge), an Enchantment Under the Sea dance, and a full kids track so the whole family can join the fun.

Growth. Engagement. Connection.

That's the future we're building together.

See you in May.
Laura

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

In January we had a very interesting talk from James Wallace, who gave a detailed description of four different types of college essays and how to go about creating each of them. He also addressed the reason behind the essays, provided examples of each type, and gave some thoughts on the use of AI (in essay writing and in life).

This month, we have another special event, as there is an art exhibit that has floated into town for a couple of months— the "Balloon Museum" has a variety of balloon installations, some interactive art, and looks like a fun place to visit.

In addition to that, there are several interesting on-line presentations being coordinated by the SF regional Mensa. In February it was a NASA director talking about habitats on Mars, and this month it is a researcher talking about how we know what we know about exoplanets. These are not GY events, but general on-line talks that are open to all Mensans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in March:

William Cravens, Kyle Johnson, Tom Chow, Allen Garner, Sharon Cowin, Christopher Newland, Dominic Granello, James Schlebus, Roger Kennedy, Andrea Jones, Lee Harriss, Michael Conroy, Dirk Bell, Beckie Callahan, Felix Galindo, Marion Moore, James Allen, Sara Weiss, Sheryl Contreras, Jeanette Seigler, Van Jolas, Roy Pierce, Jeremy Neilson, Bill "full house" St John, Williams Arnold, Duane Meyers, Kevin Gill, Larry "whatcha readin?" Strickler

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Benjamin Anderson, Michael Bolden, Ben Coker, John Collette, Geoffrey Doke, Jack Ferguson, Eleanor Ju, Gwendolyn Ruscio

Moving to NTM: Todd McIntosh

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: William Henson (joining us from Point Texas, 75472)

We welcome you <u>all</u>, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

HOWDY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 12:30 pm GY book club 	**02** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**03** 7 pm Beer Garden	**04** 1 pm VDG	**05** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 7:30 pm NTM Board Meeting	**06** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**07** 9:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
08 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 	**09** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 7 pm Beer Garden 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 1 pm VDG	**12** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**13** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**14** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew **New-ish Date and Time!**
15	**16** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**17** 7 pm Beer Garden	**18** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**19** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**20** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**21** 11 am GY do balloons 1 pm VDG 2 pm General Meeting 4 pm Small Group Mtg 6:30 pm Games SIG
22 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk 	**23** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**24** 7 pm Beer Garden	**25** 1 pm VDG	**26** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**27** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**28** 1 pm VDG 7 pm **New Members Party**
29	**30** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**31** 7 pm Beer Garden	2026 March			

~March 2026~

FOR CALENDAR UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT
HTTP://WWW.NORTHTEXASMENSA.ORG

~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

6:45 PM HOTDAM
Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans
Location: **Sidewalk Cafe**, 2900 Wind River Lane, Denton, TX 76210
Meet us for games, revelry, and more. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY / SATURDAY

1:00 PM M Virtual Discussion Group (VDG) SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)* Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234 It turns out that some Mensans enjoy talking to others about a wide variety of subjects. Other Mensans simply enjoy hearing other points of view. The problem is getting enough of us together. We can do that through Zoom
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com

March Events

01 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing **Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper**.**
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

05 THURSDAY

7:30PM - Board Meeting (First Thursday of the month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or
Zoom Phone: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

07 SATURDAY

09:30—11:45 AM Mensa Admissions Testing
Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Classroom** 18505 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX 7528

Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

08 SUNDAY

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Gathering (Second Sunday)
Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery & Café**: 15125 Montfort Dr., Dallas
(one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort) Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

09 MONDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**:
(william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.415.5302)

10 TUESDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**:
(william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.415.5302)

14 SATURDAY

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew
(Second Saturday of each month)
Location: **Jason's Deli**: 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 139, Dallas, TX 75231.
This is at the NE corner of Central Expressway and Park Lane. Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

18 WEDNESDAY

7:00PM – MADEATS
Location: **Gillespie's Irish Tavern and Kitchen At the Shire :** 3600 Shire Blvd, Suite #112,

Richardson, TX 75082(On the east-bound side of the Bush, west of Jupiter Road) *gillespiestavern.com*
The North Texas Irish Music Festival is over and St. Patrick's day was yesterday -- but don't put away the green just yet! Take your seat at the Mensa table for fantastic Irish cuisine and other world flavors and perhaps enjoy a pint or a flight of whiskey with your dinner.
As always, MADEATS pleadingly requests (but does not require) that you RSVP by Monday, March 16th at 10:00 p.m
Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

20 FRIDAY

7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em

Location: **Paul & Anne Whiteman's Home**: 4424 Ringgold Lane, Plano, TX 75093
The next Texas Hold 'Em will be at the home of Paul and Anne Whiteman on Friday, March 20, 2026. Join us for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Anne Whiteman (214-868-4410 / anne.whiteman@gmail.com**) i**f you plan to attend. Thank you!

21 SATURDAY

11 AM CST - Gifted Youth Visit the Balloon Museum

Location: **South Side Studios**, 2901 Botham Jean Blvd, Dallas
The Balloon Museum is a traveling "museum" with 18 interactive art exhibits. Let's explore a fun way of looking at art. Kids $29, Adults $39. balloonmuseum.world
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

NEW-ish DATE AND TIME

2 PM – March General Meeting
Location: **Discovery Village North Dallas**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09
Denise McGovern discusses **The Role of Libraries in modern society.** Denise is the, Executive Director of the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. Denise will discuss the ever-increasing demand for well-run public libraries within our current climate of budget constraints and political uncertainties. She will speak to the multitude of services that public libraries provide for citizens as well as the difficulties libraries experience with limited tax funding. She will also teach you how to best advocate for YOUR public library.
Contact: **Karen Brack**, kwbrack18@gmail.com, 214.477.1151.

4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)
Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a rotating basis**
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: (gbrohman@live.com)

6:30PM – Games SIG
Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Dr, Allen, 75002
We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.
Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock**: (972.396.8160 •/+ 214.356.5819, william.m.rock@gmail.com

22 SUNDAY
1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club
(Fourth Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**: 5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231

This month EBC is reading *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.

Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30 PM Theodore Talk: "Dudley Clarke: The Genius of Deception".

From 1941, working from Cairo, British officer Dudley Clarke conceived a new way of fighting the Nazis: using the tools of the mind. Deception in war isn't a new idea, but this eccentric colonel realized that global conflict offered the chance to carry out deception on a global scale.

Robert Hutton, author of The Illusionist: The True Story of the Man Who Fooled Hitler, spent years in Britain's archives digging out Clarke's amazing story; now you will learn it as well. Register for this webinar at https://tinyurl.com/33trauv9 Theodore Talks are made possible by the generous financial support of Life Member Dr. Mark Cohen, Thank you. Questions? Contact us at **MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com**.

28 SATURDAY

Come out and Join the Fun!! Come out and Join the Fun!! Come out and Join the Fun!! Come out and Join the Fun!! Come

7 PM

The spring **New Member's Party** is here! Save the date: Saturday, March 28th at 7pm. Our big semiannual meet and greet and eat will be held at the palatial home of NTM member Chuck Weis and his wife in Parker, TX. No cover charge, but please bring a dish to share. This is not only a great time to get to know our newer members but to re-connect with old friends as well. **RSVP** to Cathy Allshouse at callshouse1@aol.com by March 25th please. Once you RSVP, you'll get the address.

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NTM Standing Policies (as amended 5/20/2018)

07-01 All Board meetings are open to all members and all members have a right to address the Board.
07-02 The monthly General Meeting is open to M's, their guests, and the general public.
07-03 No event should be scheduled opposite official NTM functions, which are scheduled by the Board of Directors. These functions include General Meetings and New Members Parties.
07-04 [Rescinded 01/15/2012]
07-05 As the hosting of a party requires a considerable outlay of time and money, the amount listed in the M-Aura should be considered a cover charge and is mandatory.
Exceptions should be considered extraordinary and must be cleared in advance with the host or hostess.
07-06 BYOB indicates that one may furnish alcohol for private consumption in moderation.
07-07 Hosts'/hostesses' special requirements are listed as "house rules" and are to be honored. No host or hostess waives rights by opening his/her home for Mensa functions. M's who bring more than one non-M to any such function must have the advance express consent of the host/hostess. [Amended 01/15/2012]
07-08 Smoking is restricted at events unless otherwise specified.
07-09 All events must have a contact phone number and/or email address to be listed in the M-Aura calendar. [Amended 01/18/2009]
07-10 [Rescinded 05/20/2018]
07-11 NTM Standing Policies will be published annually in the March issue of the M-Aura. [Amended 01/18/2009]
07-12 For an article, letter, or other submission to be published in the M-Aura anonymously or under a pseudonym, the editor must know the identity of the author and share that identity with at least one member of the Board of Directors who is not the editor. The editor will notify the author of that fact.
07-13 Any member giving information to editor or calendar chair for publication, including phone number, address, and email, thereby authorizes publication of that information in the printed or electronic North Texas M-Aura and in the members-only portion of the web site.
07-14 [Rescinded 11/18/2012]

NORTH TEXAS MENSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Proceedings for February 5, 2026

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by President Cathy Allshouse. Also present virtually were Treasurer Paul Whiteman, VP Esther Bella, and Board Members at Large Aaron Adair and Chuck Weis. Absent were Secretary Gunny Hartman and BMAL Philip Tocci. Member Jonathan Bethune was also present.

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board meeting will be March 5

at 7:30PM via Zoom.

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the January 2025 meeting compiled by Gunny Hartman were distributed via email and accepted without modification.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … Report was provided. Income from American Mensa, expenses of mailing and storage. Net balance increase of ~$550. RG net profit will be sent to the operating account.

Treasurer proposed budget: Paul Whiteman. Merchandise income is questionable, but possible. Action to look into interest on saving account. Increase website budget to $500. Change election budget to $0. Officers expense should be negative $150. Net will be about $435 more in expense than budget. Motion to approve Chuck Weis, seconded, motion passed.

Marketing – Vacant … No report.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … We had 8 testers in January. Next test first weekend in February.

Vice-President – Esther Bellah … No report.

Membership – Chris Cree not present … No report.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … No report.

Website – Colleen Goldman …. No issues.

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Essay judging is on going. You can still volunteer. Essay judging ends March 9th!

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Nothing to report

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … Two local and four national attendees for the college essay workshop. February event is on-line games. March event is balloon museum. Please let me know what the process is to request reimbursement for $30, half the room fee for the workshop. Foundation grant applied for for the other half. In discussions with national GYC on ideas for Sparks programs at the AG.

Editor – Bill Rock … March M-Aura under development. Please send any and all calendar events to me in the next few days if possible.

Circulation/Publisher – Val Beasley … not present, no report

Calendar – Vacant … No report.

Webmaster – Jonathan Bethune … Proposed budget appears adequate.

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … No report

Programs – Karen Brack … Not present. No report.

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack … We had another successful RG with 73 in attendance. Receipts are still coming in, so final financial figures will be forthcoming. Although the hotel was adequate and works rather well for us, other options will still be pursued for future RGs, in case we can do better. 29 surveys have been collected, with feedback commending the amount of food, program variety, and tastings/food variety. A few had issues with the hotel rooms.

Bylaws Committee – Randy Brack and Paul Whiteman … No report

Election Committee – (Chair) Lauren Ogden … No report

2. Actions: No actions were taken.

1. look into interest on savings: Paul

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM by Paul Whiteman.

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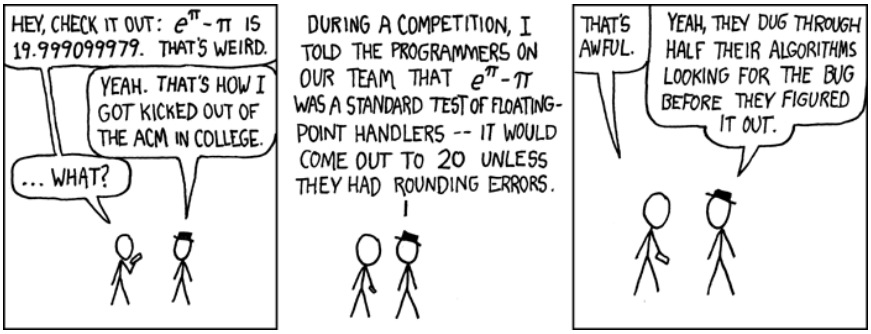
HEY, CHECK IT OUT: $e^{\pi}-\pi$ IS 19.999099979. THAT'S WEIRD.
YEAH. THAT'S HOW I GOT KICKED OUT OF THE ACM IN COLLEGE.
... WHAT?
DURING A COMPETITION, I TOLD THE PROGRAMMERS ON OUR TEAM THAT $e^{\pi}-\pi$ WAS A STANDARD TEST OF FLOATING-POINT HANDLERS -- IT WOULD COME OUT TO 20 UNLESS THEY HAD ROUNDING ERRORS.
THAT'S AWFUL.
YEAH, THEY DUG THROUGH HALF THEIR ALGORITHMS LOOKING FOR THE BUG BEFORE THEY FIGURED IT OUT.

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