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Brainy bunch meets in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Hey Smarty-pants! Yeah, you. The one by the hot air balloon shaped like a giant brain.
What is the five-digit number in which the first two digits are the product of the fourth and fifth, the second is four times the last, the last digit is seven less than the fourth, and the third is the sum of the first and second?
Wow, that was quick. Is 18,992 your final answer? Lucky guess, you brainiac.
It's hard to stump members of American Mensa, the high IQ society holding its annual convention this week in Dallas.
Not only are they discussing such cerebral topics as the ethics of human gene research and hypersonic flight, they are learning to ballroom dance, recite limericks and analyze movie stars' handwriting.
Very useful stuff.
And that is only during the day.
At night, there is socializing and mingling at singles-pairing parties.
There is a literary costume ball, a rave party and wine-tasting demonstrations.
For the unattached intellectual, the annual gathering is a fun way to meet like-minded mates. (Genius man seeks genius woman. Send photo of IQ test.)
Then there's that great big brain, full of hot air.
The group this week plans to launch a hot-air balloon in the shape of a giant brain — billed as "anatomically correct" except for eye-popping colors. The 100-foot-long balloon was invented by a neurosurgeon and loaned by a German medical company.
More than 1,200 Mensans are attending the convention, which runs through Sunday. The membership of Mensa is made up of people who score in the top 2 percent on any standardized intelligence test.
But Mensa members are not all college professors and rocket scientists, said Pam Donahoo, executive director of American Mensa.
The Arlington, Texas-based organization's 49,000 members include such trades as construction workers, truck drivers and restaurant employees.
"Mensa members from every walk of life have interests from Donahoo said. "But thing they share is a long learning."
For Randy and Karen of Garland, Texas, Mensa is a lifelong love.
He joined Mensa because he wanted to meet someone who understood big words.
She wanted someone who liked her for something above the shoulders.
They met at a convention in 1993 and married two years later.
The attraction was brainer, Randy Brack said.
"We knew how to talk to each other."

Mother of Marine gets his dog tags at ceremony

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The mother of a Marine killed in Vietnam received his dog tags in an Independence Day ceremony after two Florida businessmen found them for sale in a back-alley market in Ho Chi Minh City.
Rob Stiff and Jim Gain were so sickened at the discovery of Lance Cpl. Allan George Decker's tags that they returned to Vietnam in May to buy them and hundreds of others. Upon returning to America, they began trying to reunite soldiers and their families with the lost tags.
On Wednesday, the men gave Decker's mother the tags at the Orlando cemetery where he was buried after his death in 1968.
"I just hope that other families can find the kind of peace that I have felt today," said Ruth Decker. "The Lord had his hand in this from the beginning."
Since the end of the war, Vietnamese field workers have found all sorts of military debris: boots, helmets, badges, buttons, medals and dog tags.
Servicemen usually wore the tags — silver discs that listed a soldier's name, military identification number and blood type — around their necks, but in the field many put them in their boots so they wouldn't jingle.
Stiff and Gain weren't looking for war mementos when they traveled to Vietnam in January. They wanted to check the commercial climate for possible business ventures. But in a market not frequented by tourists, they found the dog tags dangling from a string.
"It was really eerie and we were disgusted," said Stiff, 27.
Despite their revulsion, they left the tags there. But back home in America, they could not escape the memory.
"People asked, 'What if they're fake?'" Stiff said. "Well, our question was, 'What if they're real?'"
In May, they returned to Vietnam to buy all the American dog tags they could find. It took days to scour Ho Chi Minh City and sort through thousands of tags — some printed in Vietnamese, others destroyed or illegible — and returned home with about 640.

BUSH

religious liberty in action."
Religious freedom, he said, "is more than the right to believe in God's love. It is the right to be an instrument of God's love. Such work is beyond the reach of government and beyond the role of government."
A small group of protesters jeered Bush's remarks.
Some of the skepticism about Bush's initiative stems from questions about whether tax dollars would help pay for programs that mix religion with social services — for instance, a drug treatment program that helps people overcome addiction by finding Jesus. Also at issue is to what extent government-funded religious groups can consider applicants' religion in deciding whether to hire them.
Before his speech at Independence Hall, Bush and his wife, Laura, went to the Greater Exodus Baptist Church where the president played touch football with young people at an "urban block party" for children and families who participate in mentoring programs run by various churches or religious charities.

TECH

County district attorney for eight years before becoming a senator.
"This will be a tremendous loss for Texas Tech and Lubbock," said Mayor Windy Sitton. "In the five years he's been here, he has exceeded people's expectations."
Montford presided over a system that includes the 24,000-student university and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, which operates satellite campuses in Amarillo, El Paso and Odessa.

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likely to vacate their plans.
"I don't see the Navy doing anything that's not supporting the local community," she said. "I don't think they will move away into anywhere."
Although the Navy has said it's too early to comment on a proposed bombing plan, environmentalists and local officials mounted a swift response.
Hutchison's reaction comes just a day after Kennedy's commissioners voted unanimously against the plan.
Corpus Christi Mayor Loyd Neal, who has been working with Navy officials as chairman of the South Texas Military Task Force, said it is time to move on.
"You have to have respect for those most closely affected as far as I'm concerned the people of Kenedy County have spoken and we have listened to them," Neal told the newspaper.

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