



The mainframe is less of a problem. One can buy a mini-computer for the cost of a new car and the prices are still dropping. (Neiman-Marcus offers a small computer "for the home" complete with meal planning programs.) The real question here is how much are the joint purchasers willing to put up and what kind of machine do they want.

Another problem is simply where do you put the blasted thing? At the present time I don't have any place for one. If LASFS does get its club house in a couple of years that would probably be an ideal place for it.

As I said before I don't think it is really practical right now but I do think that it could be done in a couple of years. I haaven't kicked the idea around here too much but I am going to see if I can stire up some interest. In the meantime I am going to think about it a bit more and make some inquiries. And I will appreciate hearing any comments and suggestions. Who, besides Fuzzy and Jay (and probably Friz) might be interested in becoming part owner of a computer?

Bruce: This gets complicated. I ran electros for LA Con. However I am going to pick up the tab (nine bucks) because I figure I owe you for mimeography and postage. Since LA Con owed NSFA the money I guess LA Con owes you the money and I owe NESFA the money.

How are the Cherpin wines compared to the better small California vinyards. We get wines from a number of small California wineries, among them being Heitz, Ridge, Sonoma, Freemark Abbey, Chappellet, and Spring Mountain - also Mayacommas and Schramsberg.

Marsha harvested a mushroom crop the other day. Yessirree Bob! Out of two mushroom gardens which she was given for Christmas she harvested a mushroom (which, however, was very big.) She is planning to make stuffed mushroom tomorrow. Fortunately it looks like a full sized crop will be coming up in about three days.

Maggie - I asked you because I don't know the answer! However I guess I will have to work it out and publish an answer next week.

Larry Nielson - Your answer is reminiscent of the discussion of various types of liars in Martin Gardner's column some time back. Your answer is quite correct if the Liars are attempting maximum deceit, but it was specified that they were perfect logicians. (Although, come to think of it, nothing was said about their being logical liars rather than deceitful liars.)

The conventional answer to the problem of asking three questions is to ask one of them which of the remaining two is the more truthful.

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At a recent con (Philcon it must have been) a number of NESFA members were whooping it up for the Left Handed Liberation Front with such slogans as Left On! and Get Righty! Speeches were made bemoaning the position of lefties as one of the suppressed minority groups. Examples of dextrous chauvinism in the language were pointed out such as words like sinister and left handed compliment. Subtle (and not so subtle) discriminations against Lefties such as pay telephones (to say nothing of writing) were listed. The whole thing ended in a chorus of Left On's as everybody raised a clenched left fist.