

From the Editor: More Turtle Soup

A few issues ago I remarked that according to fellow Mensan Lon Larson, one of the questions in the MMPI was “Do you like mock turtle soup?” Since I had never tasted it but thought it sounded good, I speculated on how I would answer that question (and speculated on the accuracy of a personality inventory that depended on it). Well, I have found my answer! I ran across this recipe in the local paper:

Mock Turtle Soup

“Scald a well-cleaned calf’s head. Remove the brain and boil the head for an hour until the meat easily slips from the bone. Save the broth. Cut the meat in small pieces, put it in a stewpan and cover with some of the broth. Let it boil until quite tender and set aside...”

Let me know if you would like the rest of the recipe (it gets better, but it includes the calf’s head). I will send it, but I don’t know just how it will reflect on your personality...

I would like to make a correction to the editor’s column in the last issue – in case anyone noticed! Where I said the shootings in Bethlehem and the Sept. 11 bombing were the work of individuals, “not a group or a government,” it should have been “not a people or a government.” Of course, Al-Qaida is a group. I had changed this, but was having printer problems and wound up pasting in an old copy of that paragraph and didn’t notice until it was too late.

This issue is largely about – guess what – Mensa! We have a great article by Fargo member Andre Jordheim, who attended the RG in St. Louis. And of course, we have an AG coming up right next door in Minnesota. Let us know if you would be willing to volunteer to help with that. It is part of being a good neighbor.

Laura Miller sent some information about the “Son of Asilomar” gathering that will be held on Labor Day weekend (Aug. 30 – Sept. 2) in Shell Beach, California – if any of you can make it that far! The Asilomar gatherings were already a Mensa tradition when I first joined at age 15. I wondered what “Asilomar” was and thought it was a strange and esoteric part of this wonderful but rather scary Mensa Society!

The theme of the 2002 “Son of Asilomar” gathering is “Myths and Legends.” Laura writes, “Dolphins, private balconies, the beach – relax, no hills to climb! Heir to the 36-year Asilomar tradition: Mensa at its best! Casino, Ball, pool party, The Hunt, Sci-Fi, 5-star buffet meals. Hotel/MP/ Reg. Complete: 3 days, \$389-\$525 to August 1. Registration is handled by RG registrar, Bev Miller, 20365 Valerio St., Winnetka, CA 91306; bevsaurus@cs.com. RG website: www.mensaasilomar.org.”

Sounds like a good one to attend. Andre, I wonder if you can get your dispatcher to send you there next...

Have a beautiful Spring!