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Long-deserved awards were presented at ValenTime this year - and it was quite a trick keeping the tributes secret from their husbands!

Left: Jo Horne with honoree Mary Ann Mochan.

Below: Bob Horne, honoree Lynda Ulrich, and Jo Horne. Lynda was moved to tears!

Meet your new editor

...beginning with the April issue

Photo: "It's my granddaughter and I dancing. Looking at that picture always makes me happy."

I am Cheryl Cullison, a new Mensan who has been tapped to succeed Bobbye as the editor of PensaMensa. Bobbye asked me to provide a brief bio to help chapter members get to know me and my qualifications a little better.

A recent UWF graduate, I hold a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Humanities, with emphases in Communication Arts, History and English. I also hold an A.S. in Office Systems Technology from PJC. I have taken many journalism, writing, and desktop publishing classes.

I have experience with Embry-Riddle University preparing the bimonthly newsletter and updating the web site as the assistant to the Director of Operations for the now- defunct Southeast Region.

Parochial school, public school, state university, the school of hard knocks and 38 years of travel as both a Navy dependent and active duty sailor have made me a well- traveled, well-educated, opinionated woman, but I am reticent by nature and usually keep my opinions to myself.

My mother and my granddaughter are my inspiration. One inspires me by example and the other inspires me to be a good example.

I am not competitive, and (probably unusual for a Mensan) I do not enjoy games. I had a short-tour during the eighties when I beat the crap out of everyone who challenged me in Trivial Pursuit (often playing singly against multi-membered teams) and Scrabble, but I resigned my championships and would much rather read a book than play a game.

I look forward to getting to know you all better and helping to advance our organization.



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"M"embership News

by Bob Ulrich

A short column this month with little news to report. Our membership total remained unchanged at 197 members. We did have 1 addition and 1 departure. **Richard Henson** has moved from Pensacola to Cayce, SC. He is obviously our 1 departure, and once again we are on the wrong side

of the relocation equation since no Mensans moved into our area.

The addition to our group is a former member who has been absent from Mensa for a while. Rejoining is **Hillary Miller** who lives in the Tallahassee area. She has decided she would prefer to belong to our local group and we are happy to have her. I am typing this column on Friday morning February 15th the 1st day of ValenTime, our Regional Gathering. I hope that the Gathering went well and that all attendees had a great time. I really want to thank all those contributors to the Chocolate Orgy, I am sure it was great again. There is a list of contributors elsewhere in this newsletter. To those of you who did not attend you should think about it next year. It is a good way to have social time, play some games and attend some interesting presentations and discussions.

Cryptograms

by **Jill Russ**

Easy Level

DL UMUNPIDL UN LRTRM WMXLG DN

ZQLY DN PR ODL PQZW QLCQ QLR

SZDWR QB YMDNN CQ GRRV BMQI

BDZZULY QBB CPR RDMCP

~ UMUNP NDHULY

Challenge Level

The Challenge Level includes the "space" as part of the cryptogram. In other words, the letter R might actually be the space, and a space might be a letter. The end of each line of the cryptogram is the end of a word.

XYUZULZMUEKRUSZMMRNUSRGMN

YXMTAUZUYRGQUFVZYUSFROVQUXAUKV

FGSBD ~ ANZMXAFZEUFVS

February ExComm Minutes

by Terri Culbertson (again, heh hem. . .)

8:30 Called to order. Present: John and MaryAnn Mochan, Bob and Lynda Ulrich, Jerry Gilbert, Terri Culbertson, Tom Stewart, Jill Russ, Bob and Joanne Horne, Bobbye Wicke. Guests: Bob Cox from SC, Thomas Thomas and Sylvia Zadorozny from Tampa.

Pres - It was a very successful RG! (If you didn't think so, then you must not have been where I was.) We had 93 attendees with a lot of first timers for this gathering. The big news is that the hotel may extend us again for another year!! The final numbers will be posted by the treasurer elsewhere in this newsletter, but we expect to have been financially successful again. The schedule for the rest of the year's EXCOMM meetings is here, there are a couple of months still TBD for location. (I'll post it at the end of this column for those who are curious.)

VP- Still in bed sleeping. (Apparently, the young don't bounce back quite as easily as they used to so you are stuck with me taking the minutes again this month.)

Membership- Neutral this month. We gained one member and lost one. On a side note, Bob sends his thanks again to all who contributed to the chocolate orgy. It was another huge hit.

Editor- The RG program looked great. Bobbye sends her kudos to Terri (who graciously thanks her for the fine example to work from last year) and to John for printing them. John gives Bobbye a heartfelt thank you from the group for her many years of service. We've been very lucky to have her.

Treasurer- There will be a full report once all the numbers are reported in from the RG elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

Old Business: Culture Quest is on for April 27th. We have a full team in Panama City consisting of Terri Culbertson, Fraser Sherman, Dana Schack, Eric Pesko, and Cameron Pouncey. The Pensacola team is still looking for some more competitors to join Mabel Loesch and Micah Butler. Any takers?

Our next Yard Sale will be held on April 19th (A very special day indeed) at John and MaryAnn's home in FWB. The EXCOMM will immediately follow with either BBQ or pizza for lunch. (I expect there may be some cake as well.) Please contact John to coordinate making your donations and remember that the sale itself starts at 7am. Come out and support another great local fund raiser.

New Business: Notes from the RG: - It was a beautiful weekend and we couldn't have asked for better weather for our guests. (OK, so a few tornadoes on the way home, who's complaining?)

-This year's kids track was a first for us and it was a great success. We had twice the number of kids show up than we were expecting! (I know that I spent some time in their suite getting my butt kicked at Guitar Hero. Thanks James.)

Next meeting is March 15th at Micah's house in Pensacola. (Yes, I did verify that once he got his lazy butt out of bed.)

Adjourned at 8:43. Short and sweet the way a meeting's supposed to be.

Cryptogram solutions

Easy Level

An Irishman is never drunk as long as he can hold onto one blade of grass to keep from falling off the earth. ~ Irish Saying

Challenge Level

If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he lucky? ~ Stanislaw Lec

Calendar

Where no specific phone number is given, call 850-585-3194.

Friday, March 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. First Friday in Pensacola, L-o-n-g Lunch at Scenic 90 Café, 701 Scenic Highway, Pensacola. Drop in for a long visit if you can, a short one if you can't. As you enter the restaurant, go to your right and to the rear.

Saturday, March 8, 11:30 a.m. Second Saturday in Panama City. Lunch at Chef Imondi's Downtown, 448 Harrison Avenue.

Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m. Supper Club in Pensacola, Hall's Seafood, 920 E Gregory St downtown Pensacola. Call Dan Murray on his cell phone, 455-6339, after 7 p.m. or on weekends please.

Friday, March 14, 5 p.m. Happy Hour! We will meet at Los Panchos on Santa Rosa Blvd. on Okaloosa Island. Dave Howard is our coordinator - he and Tehane will be there at 5 p.m. Info: 897-5702 or dave_howard@prodigy.net.

Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. ExComm meeting and Open House at Micah Butler's, 8196 Lode Star Drive, Pensacola. Info and directions: 723-8305 or mjb28@cox.net.

Friday, March 28, 11:30 a.m., Last Friday in Shalimar. Lunch at Shalimar Cheers Pub, 1270 North Eglin Parkway: their # is 651-2740. It's at the back of a yellowish office building immediately north of the courthouse, turn at the red-and-yellow sign and go through the parking area all the way to the back and to the right.

Saturday, March 29, Newsletter Assembly and Games - TBD. Contact: Cheryl Cullison at 484-9784 or vikingwench@cox.net; or jmochan@cox.net or 585-3194.

Tentative April Events: April 4, Lunch, Pensacola; April 8, Supper Club, Pensacola; April 12, Lunch, Panama City; April 18, Happy Hour, TBD; April 19, ExComm FWB; April 25, Lunch, Shalimar; April 26, Newsletter/Games Day, TBD.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Motorcycles SIG. Dan Mazzeo of Gulf Breeze is vetting the idea of a SIG for anyone having an interest in motorcycles (owning one is not a requirement). Contact Dan at onegoodengineer@aol.com or 850- 206-4213.

Photography SIG. Dan Murray in Pensacola (455-6339) found out there was no camera club anywhere near him, so he started one.

Pinochle SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at 850) 939-5882 or pinochledd@aol.com. He will coordinate dates/times/schedules and is willing to host the games. For beginners too.

Shooting SIG. Contact Bob Mundorff in Navarre at pinochledd@aol.com or 939-5882 to go shooting during the week at the Escambia River Muzzleloader's range - modern small arms allowed.

And then there's. . .

The Owlabama Blast

The Best of Region 5 (and Destin)

April 4-6, 2008

Alta Vista Hotel and Conference Center

Birmingham, Alabama

Join us for the 21st annual Owlabama Blast - A relaxing good time is our goal. We are retaining the great karaoke and dance activities that you would expect from Birmingham. From Destin there will be a Chocolate Orgy. From Atlanta is the movie room. Huntsville supplied the idea for sex trivia. The gift exchange is from South Carolina. In addition to the best of each gathering, there will be a vendor and events room. The vendors are self-explanatory. The events will keep everyone supplied with activities the entire weekend. For participating there will be tickets given for raffles. You've never seen a regional gathering quite like this one will be.

Register at the end of January and save at only \$50 for a weekend of fun, hugs, laughs, conversation and great speakers. After that the rate is \$55 until the 1st of March; the rate at the door is \$60. Veterans get the standard \$5 discount.

For more information, write to Beth Brooks, 2217 Marion St., Hoover, AL 35226, or e-mail River_Beth@yahoo.com.

And next month. . .

Tampa Bay Mensa ARRR-RG 2008

Join us in historic Ybor City for an exciting 3- day Memorial Day adventure that you'll never forget!

May 23-26, 2008 - Check it out at ARRRRG2008-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

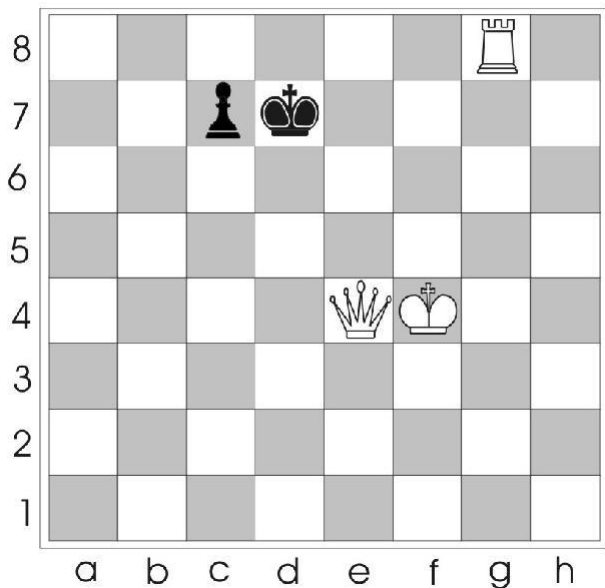
A Chess Problem

from Lars Runar

(Algebraic notation)

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MATE IN TWO - WHITE TO MOVE



President's Page

by John Mochan

The ValenTime Regional Gathering was another huge success! We had 93 people attend this year (just short of a new record) and it was great. The food, drinks, presentations, games, and just plain socializing kept us busy the entire weekend. I got about 3 hours sleep each night. The new Kids' Program went over very well and we hope to expand it next year.

This year we had many people from out of the local area who were attending ValenTime for the first time. I heard a lot of very positive comments from just about every one of them and expect to see them again.

Did anyone get a good photograph of Cameron's home built gas turbine engine? We'd especially like one that captured the flames shooting out the back end as it started up. I want to submit that to the Mensa Bulletin for publication. Perhaps the caption could be "Let's see you top that!"

The last word we got from the hotel was that we are invited back again next year. I hope that holds true until next February because the location is perfect to draw those Northerners out of their igloos and spend some time on the beach. The 'white stuff' we have here is the kind they don't have to shovel.

Remember that we have another Yard Sale April 19th at my house in Fort Walton Beach. Please give your donations to any group officer or bring it to me. I can pick things up if necessary.

I hope to see you soon at some local event.

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February Treasurer's Report

by Jerry Gilbert

Balance 01/11/09 - \$5,731.61

Income:

American Mensa Funding - \$ 333.43

RG Registrations - \$2,194.50

Total Income - \$8,259.64

Expenses:

RG Expenses (\$2,272.45)

Stamps, newsletters, email (\$ 236.48)

Total Expenses (\$2,508.94)

Balance 02/21/08 - \$5,750.71

It would appear that we have a slight loss on the RG, but this statement does not include income from early registrations, T-shirt sales, and our auction of surplus supplies. Bottom line on the RG, we did show a modest profit due mainly to the efficient, judicious talents of our purchasing agents (you all know who you are).

Many thanks.

A letter in the October Mensa Bulletin

by Phillip Woolley

I was pleased to see one of our Mensans (Mensa Bulletin, August) is a 400-unit apheresis blood donor. Having started giving blood in 1973 (prompted by a friend who died of leukemia and lack of platelets), I have just passed my 16th gallon between apheresis and whole blood donations (the action facilitated by the former being allowed every two weeks and the latter every 56 days). Sadly, only 3 percent of those eligible actually donate. I encourage all fellow Mensans to participate. The returns (both personal and universal) are enormous.



ValenTime and all the Time

by Jo Horne

I

was immensely pleased to have so many local members and so many non-local members attend our 2008 ValenTime RG. I was able to make a presentation on the awards morning that gave me great pleasure. For those of you who have been coming for several years, you know that some of the

people who made this the best year yet, were the same people you have seen here working away every year.

We were very fortunate to have so many members willing to help during the weekend. We are particularly fortunate to have had willing spouses - and two of those spouses were really outstanding. During last day awards and wrap-up session on Sunday morning, we formally recognized Lynda Ulrich and Mary Ann Mochan.

Lynda has brought her considerable skills to the hospitality room at ValenTime for the last few years. She prepares food trays, manages the presentation at lunch and supper, and prepares the breakfast items before retiring. She keeps an inventory of the behind-the-bar groceries so that we can re-stock in time for the next meal. She cleans up after we eat. She puts in 15 hour days during the RG and we let her. To Lynda we presented a gift that in no way matches the effort she has put in to helping us make ValenTime the terrific party-of-the-year that it is. To Lynda we gave a heart shaped mirror compact, engraved with her name and "ValenTime Appreciation".

Mary Ann has worked every ValenTime RG as though it was a birthday party for her youngest child. She decorates, she puts food out, she takes leftovers away, and she cleans up our messes. She does this

all weekend and then, amazingly, keeps right on doing it all year. She hosts the yard sales; she keeps score when we play Quiddler at her dining room table every month; she doesn't complain when the newsletter staples scratch that dining room table. Sometimes we think she's actually the president of this organization (sorry John). In any event, we felt that it was high time we did something more-or-less official to recognize her contributions. To Mary Ann we gave a clock. The pendulum was engraved M&M (Mary Ann(d) Mochan) and the base was engraved "ValenTime and all the Time.

What a treat it was to present gifts to these two outstanding women.

Seven Trivia Questions

Dr. Dan Finley, Brain Bowl Coach & Health Sciences Professor, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City.

Dr. Dan invites you to submit a guest trivia question to dfinley@gulfcoast.edu for possible inclusion in future columns.

Mensa member David Luther Woodward contributed question #8. Thanks, David!

1. What famous television actress' first television role was as a telephone receptionist on the show Richard Diamond, Private Detective, in which only her legs were shown and her voice heard.
 2. On the television show Dragnet, what was Sgt. Joe Friday's badge number?
 3. Who was the inspiration for Neil Diamond's 1969 hit, Sweet Caroline?
 4. By what stage name is Michael Lee Aday known?
 5. Name the only college whose fight song mentions the name of an opponent in the lyrics.
 6. How did the word "downs" become associated with horse racing?
 7. What was the last of the contiguous forty- eight states to receive statehood?
 8. What common nine-letter English word is the only one in which a letter may be removed in eight individual steps so that each resulting word remains an English word?
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A quiet evening in the hospice

by Edward F. Wicke

It's a quiet evening in the hospice, and her room is peaceful now that most of the family have left, knowing she wants to give all her attention to an hour of pampering. Usually however my massages happen with conversations weaving about the room. As death approaches, the small details of life - the cat's exploits, the flowers in the garden and Do you remember Uncle Bill's friend Sally? - these all grow in importance somehow. But tonight all is peaceful and she murmurs happily as I do my incompetent version of Indian Head Massage and then rub her legs - trying to do so firmly enough to relieve the cramp she gets, but not so deep that either of us will worry about setting off another deep vein thrombosis.

Not that we worry greatly. There's not much time left anyway. Weeks? Days? She fades in and out of sleep easily, surfing on waves of morphia and soothing massage. The next time she surfaces, she tells me this is all so wonderful. . .

Last night I told her one of my children's stories as I tried to stroke away the pains in her chest. She laughed weakly into her oxygen mask, catching three words in four but somehow holding onto the fantastical thread. I tell stories sometimes, or give people a copy of one of my books for their children to read - or their grandchildren - or some child somewhere. It's important to have that link - between this life that is ending, and the young life that carries on and is somehow a continuity of their own.

It's harder when there is no link. I once sat with a lady as she faded into the next world, muttering unknown words as she drifted away, all alone: for she was from Scandinavia, and though she had lived in England for most of her life, her remaining daughter here no longer spoke to her and would not come to her. I held her hand and sang her lullabies, for I didn't know what else to do.

The hospice is a wonderful place. The patients and their families are almost always astonished; grateful; immensely relieved. There's a surprising amount of laughter. The nurses are gracious, good-humoured and caring. And volunteers like myself try to make that tiny difference by providing a little extra comfort; reassuring people that they matter, immensely.

We volunteers aren't perfect. I always reflect afterwards, self-critically. The pressure was too hard, or too soft; I said too little or too much; I said the wrong thing. But that's life, and life is what's needed in the final few days: that interaction with caring but imperfect people, with whom you feel safe to laugh or cry; with whom you can pass from deep discussions to jokes about bodily functions (and if you can't make a joke about projectile vomiting, you probably shouldn't work in a hospice). It's a privilege to be there at this time, to share life when life has been distilled to its essence, focussed to a slender band of light between two existences, reduced to surviving this day and filling it with the best you can find.

She's on her side now as I stroke her back. Last night, this eased the aching and she was able to sleep for nine solid, pain-free hours. Her lovely sister says she's never complained, not since the first day of the cancer. Her sister and I settle her onto her back and I kiss her on the cheek. We say goodbye, and I tell her that I'm off abroad for a few days. How long, she wants to know, gazing at me. I tell her one week, and we can both see that the other is calculating, trying to decide if she will be here when I return. She is only 39.

Why do I do this? Why spend an evening each week immersed in death, rubbing smelly feet and swollen legs, listening to wandering conversations and wishing I could say that one perfect word which would make it all better, but knowing that this perfect word will again elude me?

I do it because there are very few things in the world that are truly worth doing. This is one of them.

Ed is a volunteer massage therapist in a hospice in England, a chartered public accountant, the author of 9 children's books, and a NWF Mensa member.

Answers to Seven Trivia Questions

1. Mary Tyler Moore. She was fired from the show when she requested an increase in pay; her successor's role was also limited to voice and legs.
2. There are multiple explanations for the use of this number. Jack Webb was a big Babe Ruth fan, and Ruth hit 714 home runs in his baseball career. The number is also said to be from Jack's mother's

birthday (July 14th). An alternate explanation is that it was LAPD Sergeant Dan Cooke's retired badge number. Cooke was a technical advisor for Dragnet and arranged for the use of his badge for the series. After Cooke's death, his widow donated the badge to the LAPD Police Academy Museum.

3. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg. In the 1960s, Diamond saw a magazine photo of JFK's young daughter, dressed in equestrian attire, standing beside her pony. The image so inspired Mr. Diamond that he wrote the song in less than an hour, in a Memphis hotel room.

4. Meat Loaf. Born Marvin Lee Aday, he was given the sobriquet "Meat Loaf" when, as a teenager, he allowed a Volkswagen to be driven over his head, on a dare. A friend commented that "he must have meatloaf for brains."

5. Texas A&M; their fight song mentions arch rival, University of Texas. The words to "The Aggie War Hymn" are Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!/ Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!/ Good-bye to Texas University/ So long to the Orange and the White/ Good luck to the dear old Texas Aggies/ They are the boys that show the real old fight/ "The eyes of Texas are upon you..."/ That is the song they sing so well/ So good-bye to Texas University/ We're going to beat you all to--/ Chig-gar- roo-gar-rem/ Chig-gar-roo-gar-rem/ Rough Tough! Real Stuff! Texas A&M!

6. The word 'down' or 'downs' comes from the Middle Dutch word 'dune' or the Middle English word 'dun,' both meaning 'hills.' Therefore, 'downs' refers to an expanse of rolling, grassy, treeless upland, usually used for grazing. Downs has come to be associated with horse racing, in part, through North Wessex Downs, an AONB (Area of Natural Beauty), in south-central England. The term 'steeplechase,' which also originated there, refers to a race that is run between two villages and navigated by following the visible church steeples along the hilly terrain.

7. Arizona, on February 14, 1912. The name "Arizona" is thought to be an O'odham Indian word meaning "little spring."

8. The word is 'startling,' and the steps are:

STARTLING = STARTING

STARTING = STARING

STARING = STRING

STRING = STING

STING = SING

SING = SIN

SIN = IN

IN = I

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Milestones

Mensaversaries: As of this month, the following Mensans have maintained continuous membership in American Mensa Ltd. for the years shown. These anniversaries may not accurately reflect the total number of years in Mensa if a break in membership of one or more years has occurred.

28 Joseph W. Weaver

27 Robert G. Horne

21 Thomas M. Stewart

20 William W. Graham

15 Eugene Hooprich; Artice L. McGraw 11 Thomas Stewart

10 Theresa Culbertson

9 Martha W. Porter

7 W. Fred Bond; Jerry J. Gilbert
5 Michielle Beck; Ronald M. Hudspeth
3 Daniel Finley
2 Rhonda Wallis
1 Sally Garst; Alexander Russ; James Russ; Joseph Winston; Kyle Winston

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

1 Debi Dunkerley
1 John Lewis Mohre II
6 Frank M. Butler Jr.
9 Cheryl Cullison
12 Donald F. Kornegay
18 Cameron Pouncey
18 Fraser Sherman
18 David Woodward
24 Hillary Miller
30 David Pryor

If your birthday isn't listed, it's because it is not on the membership roster we get from the national office each month - and that's because you instructed National to withhold it. Please go to us.mensa.org and change your listing (or write to the address in your Mensa Bulletin, or call them). We promise not to tell anyone how old you are.

Précis

Fraser Sherman

Good (intelligence) service is hard to find . . .

LEGACY OF ASHES: A History of the CIA by Tim Weiner is a detailed history of the CIA's long string of miscalls (the fall of the Shah, the Cuban missile crisis, the collapse of the USSR), futile missions (multiple efforts to send "freedom fighters" behind the Iron Curtain ended up with them all dead), manipulation of elections even in friendly countries and lies and cover-ups to conceal the agency's ineptitude from Congress and the president. Shows how many of the CIA's problems in the 21st century-superiors who "know" the CIA's facts are wrong, a shortage of trained linguists ("The CIA has always been a few years from having the staff it needs.")-have been around a long time.

THE NUCLEAR JIHADIST: The True Story of the Man Who Sold the World's Most Dangerous Secrets .. and How We Could Have Stopped Him by Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins is a more focused but equally sobering account of how mild-mannered Pakistani metallurgist AQ Khan spent close to three decades giving Pakistan an "Islamic bomb" and exporting technology to North Korea, Libya and Iran, among others, without our pulling the plug. Even when US and foreign intelligence services caught on, other interests invariably outweighed the risks of nuclear proliferation, whether it was profits to big business from selling high-tech to Pakistan or the need to use Pakistan as a staging area to support the Afghans against the USSR (under Reagan, the CIA was ordered to lie to Congress about Khan's programs to avoid triggering sanctions against Pakistan). Shows that even when intelligence is accurate, sometimes nobody wants to hear it.

Calendar postscript from Fraser:

Check your calendars: The week of March 19-22, I'll be appearing in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at OWC as the pompous steward Malvolio, who becomes convinced his employer, Countess Olivia, is in love with him. This is going to be a good show, if I do say so myself, and I don't think you'll be disappointed if you catch it.

Chocolate Orgy Contributors and Contest Winners

(now you know who to invite to your next potluck)

Marya Bard - Bourbon Balls

Vera Cartwright - Truffles Terri Culbertson - Chocolate Chip Cookies, Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans, Assorted Chocolates from Italy

Cheryl Cullison - No Flour Gluten Free Cake

Joanne Horne - Chocolate Praline Cake

John Mochan - Brownies

Maryann Mochan - Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Balls

Sue Nichols - Fudge and Chocolate Peppermint Cookie Sandwiches

James Russ - Old Fashioned Fudge

Jill Russ - Black Russian Brownies (with Kahlua)

Dana Schack - Chocolate Covered Strawberries and "Better than Sex" Chocolate Cake

Fraser Sherman - Chocolate Zucchini Bread

Lynda Ulrich - Chocolate Fudge Layer Cake, Lemon Squares, and Chocolate Seduction Squares

And the Czar of Cheesecake made a Chocolate Caramel Pecan Cheesecake and a Chocolate Vanilla Swirl Cheesecake

And our ValenTime contest winners. . .

Pirate Dance: Wench - Joele A. Elder of Mableton, GA; Pirate - Andy Snyder of Navarre, FL; Couple - Rob and Niki Foor of Beavercreek, OH.

Trivia Games by Dr. Dan Finley: Lady Hillary Miller of Tallahassee, FL; Fraser Sherman; Joele A. Elder of Mableton, GA

Get Acquainted Bingo by Terri Culbertson: First in Box filled out- Lady Hillary Miller; Most Names on form - Daniel Ryan of Pensacola, FL

Wit T-Shirt by Art Cartwright: Lady Hillary Miller; Jen Rodd of Marietta, GA; Jody Rodd of Marietta, GA; Andy Snyder of Navarre.

Double Decker Hearts Tournament by Bob Osterman: Thomas Thomas of Tampa, FL

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