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Reader Thanks Milt For Help Choosing Wedding Song

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
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Diction Deception

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions - only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly - good guess. If you get two - well-read individual. If you get three - word expert. If you get all four - You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week's sarcane words.

1. Diacope - A deep cut or a gash
2. Vadimony - Bail
3. Pillion - An extra seat behind the driver's saddle on a motorcycle
4. Citigrada - A family of spiders which catch their prey by running swiftly

ATOKOUS

1. A turning back; an about-face
2. A Greek marketplace
3. Producing only asexual offspring
4. The Temple of Athena outside Athens, Greece

PERDUELLION

1. Treason
2. A battalion or large group of soldiers
3. An enduring conflict
4. An inflicting of two punctures, such as a snake bite

ATHANASIA

1. Immortality
2. In mineralogy, an imperfection or lacking regular form
3. Difficulty or an irregularity in breathing
4. Abnormal fear of exercise

CLEPE

1. A horsefly
2. A claw
3. Starvation
4. To call or address a person

Answers will appear in next week's issue.

Spring Festival Will be Ideal Opportunity To Experience Fanwood's Downtown

On Sunday, the Fanwood Business and Professional Association (FBPA) will present its debut Spring Festival, welcoming visitors to the heart of the borough's downtown for a full day of shopping, food and entertainment, as well as a first-hand look at its many member businesses. Admission and parking are free and the rain date is the following Sunday, June 16.

The event will take place along South and Martine Avenues, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., with more than 100 crafters, vendors and children's activities on the itinerary. Festival-goers will have a chance to sample the many retail and professional businesses that call Fanwood home, while enjoying the Victorian flavor of the downtown.

Art, crafts, jewelry, antiques and pottery are just some of the items that will be available for purchase during the festival. For youngsters, there will be pony rides, a petting zoo, a moon bounce and more. Rounding out the festivities will be musical performances by local blues guitarist Alvin Madison, the band Front Porch Swing, Big Band singer Bob Mele, the Dean Shot Blues Revue and the Gospel Shepherds from Somerset.

Special guest performer "Uncle Floyd" Vivino will also lend his colorful personality to the event, with appearances in the stage area slated for noon and 2 p.m.

Launched more than a year ago, the non-profit FBPA is comprised of merchants and professionals, including proprietors of home-based businesses, who convene regularly to discuss issues related to maintaining the economic vitality of Fanwood's business community. Like the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association, the Fanwood group seeks to bring members together to work toward common goals.

With the upcoming festival, the FBPA hopes to attract local and regional families to the downtown. Although Fanwood measures just 1.3 square miles, its downtown is a potpourri of many interesting stores and businesses. Lending further charm to the area are such recent additions as the 19th-century motif "Fanwood" lamps, coupled with new sidewalks and pavers.

We encourage all area residents to come to Fanwood for Sunday's festival and discover the downtown's many "treasures" for themselves. Hopefully, they will become regular patrons. Borough business owners, many of whom have a long history in the community, take great pride in their establishments and deserve our support throughout the year. It is our hope that this first annual event will be a rousing success and become a tradition in the community for many years to come.

TV-36: Community Interest Rises As Content On Other Cable TV Wanes

Important progress has been made with Westfield's TV-36 channel since 1999, when then Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim formed the community media advisory board. Comprised of about a dozen citizens with diverse backgrounds, this board was charged with determining what subject matter is desired by the public, how much production will it cost, how to get there and how long will it take. Well, they're making progress, and the public is taking notice.

We'd like to commend the TV-36 board members who have served, along with past President Phil Falcone and current board President Eileen O'Donnell, for their volunteer leadership and the improvements made. Town officials and Mayor Greg McDermott have advanced the banner, too.

The public and the participants enjoy the local programming to the point of disappointment when productions are delayed for airing. See the sports section of this edition, where some frustration is aired.

However the gain made with local television production has been countered with significant backsliding of the content presented on cable TV overall. There are so many channels but so little worth watching! Even worse, cable TV is flooded with infomercials. More callers to us now are complaining about the programming, and we agree with them. We suggest to those in the public that have such concerns to call the cable company and provide your opinion. Presumably,

it's in the cable company's interest to give you what you want within practical limits.

What seems to irritate most who call us is that they're paying the cable company only to be spammed with commercials. There's no way to shut off the junk while searching for a tidbit. It's the only game in town, too. A little competition would go a long way to correct this matter, but where would the competition come from?

In 1999, this newspaper called for the cable company to air more of the local TV stations so that neighbors could see neighbors. We complained that Mountaintide couldn't see Berkeley Heights although they're both in the same public high school. Well, that was fixed - but now Westfield can't see Mountaintide.

We'd like to see all the area local TV stations on the cable network, including Summit, Cranford, Clark, Kenilworth and others. To us, it's certainly more useful and interesting than what is offered on the current hundred channels of nothing.

Our towns negotiate exclusive agreements with the cable company, but they each negotiate separately. Town governments and the State of New Jersey receive a small share of the revenues paid by you to the cable TV providers. Maybe it's time for our towns to join together and reverse the regrettable direction of this situation.

ALPS Curriculum Available On Internet

When I was a Councilman in Westfield, several parents were highly displeased that their children were excluded from ALPS - Advanced Learning Program. School officials refused to release a copy of the ALPS curriculum in 1998.

However, the state's "Right To Know Law" was strengthened in January 2002. I obtained a copy of the ALPS curriculum and posted it on my Internet site for all to use. The Westfield High School "honors" curriculum is also on my

Internet site. The site is www.kennethmacritchie.com

For those that wish, I hope this enables parents to teach the ALPS curriculum to their children. The ALPS curriculum is designed for group instruction, with much interaction among the students; therefore, it would be advisable for parents of children excluded from ALPS to team up and teach the ALPS curriculum.

Kenneth L. MacRitchie
Red Bank, NJ

SP Council Needs More Public Input Regarding Drinking Ordinance

This letter was originally sent to Mayor Martin Marks and Members of the Town Council

I was unable to attend last night's council meeting, but was glad to be able to watch the meeting live on Channel 34. Thank you for broadcasting this meeting. Since I will be away on June 11, I wanted to share my concerns with you.

However, first, I wanted to say, that despite the late hour, I was sorry that you decided to dispense with taking phone calls. I stayed up until 11:00 and watched

the entire meeting, since you stated that part of the hearing process would be to take calls from citizens watching at home. I was disappointed not to be able to call in and speak to the council (by the way, they had already changed the tape while Mrs. Cvetovich spoke.)

Second, I am distressed at your "interpretation" of a hearing. I believe that the point of a public hearing is to give the citizens an opportunity to have their opinions heard before the council votes on an ordinance. Last night's meeting was not a hearing but rather a debate.

Mayor Marks, you and members of the council used this as

A reader writes: If you ever doubted the loyalty of some of your readers, let me tell you about the response I had to a letter I had recently written to you about my impending marriage and a wedding song we were looking for that was different and had meaning. You recommended that I listen to Bruce Springsteen's song "If I Should Fall Behind". My fiance' and I agreed to use the song as our wedding song, but so many of my friends read the question and answer and we had a great time talking about songs they had at their wedding(s). Though your viewers would like to know our "survey" of the most popular songs we came up with. And thanks again for helping us. We'll think of you as we walk down the aisle.

Answer: Thank you. That's a first for me. Here is the list you sent me and the artists who made them famous. Actually, the first song used to be the most popular song sung at most weddings:

1. "Because" - Perry Como
2. "We've Only Just Begun" - The Carpenters
3. "Only You" - The Platters
4. "You Are Too Beautiful" - Joe Cocker
5. "And I Will Always Love You" - Whitney Houston
6. "My Prayer" - The Platters
7. "Through The Years" - Kenny Rogers
8. "True Love" - Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly
9. "The Wedding Song" - Andy Williams
10. "It Is Love" - Peter, Paul and Mary

A 15 year old writes: My mother is divorced and remarried one year ago. "Greg" (disguised name) was a perfect match for my mom. They had a lot in common - music, sports, mutual friends, etc. I was happy because Greg made my mother happy. We got along well until a couple of months ago when I noticed Greg staring at me. In recent weeks, he's made comments about my body and touches me (behind my waist) when I walk nearby. I told him not to, but he said I had the "perfect" body and this stimulates him. I am very uncomfortable now and don't know whether to tell my mother about this.

Answer: You describe a man who has crossed the line of decency and respect. He appears to be a seductive predator and is acting out some of his sexual emotions and thoughts. You do not want to be put in this vulnerable situation which is potentially dangerous to you and to your safety - and ultimately to your mother (and her relationship with Greg). I would talk to your mother immediately and don't be too concerned re: whether this would hurt or upset her. She needs to know what you have been experiencing and needs to confront Greg and resolve the situation. In the interim, stay clear of him and set firm limits.

A married woman writes: My husband and I are unhappily mar-

Resident Objects To Possible Verizon Cell Phone Antennae In Fanwood

I have lived in Fanwood NJ for almost five years. This month I learned that Verizon wants to lease the top of an existing PSE&G tower that sits one and a half blocks from my home. This is for the erection of a 15 cell phone antennae.

Additionally, they want to build an adjacent building that measures 30 feet by 11.5 feet at the base of the tower. This is a residential zoned area.

Instead PSE&G will gain a monthly fee for the lease of each tower, while

residents have to worry for years about what is happening to their health and their property values. The hazards of microwave radiation in our backyards scare my neighbors and I. Why would our Planning Board even consider such a change? The duty of the Board, our quality of health, and our property values are on the line. Everyone in Fanwood will be affected if the change in zoning is permitted. WE must not let this happen here in our small town.

Many representatives of our community have been alerted to this situation, and are listening and hearing our concerns. But this is not enough. You ask, "What could you and your neighbors do?" Stand tall and stand together and stand to defeat this threat to us. Send the message "No" to all residential cell phone towers by attending the June 26 Planning Board in Fanwood Borough Hall at 8 p.m. For if we don't, and our elected officials let this "go through" then the next tower will be that much closer to your home and mine. Show Verizon and the Board that we won't accept this application.

Elisha Monzella
Fanwood

Letters to the Editor

A Special Piece of Westfield Is Gone at Towne Barbershop

My family and I were very sad to see the passing of John Moloczniak, owner of Towne Barbershop. It was only a week ago that I sat in his chair listening to his happy toned conversation while he cut my hair. John ran a real "old time tonsorial parlor," where there were no appointments and you could still get a real shave with hot cream and a straight razor.

Both of my boys got their first haircuts at his shop in the little blue car on the porcelain pedestal. There were al-

ways nice people coming in just to sit and to say "Hi", even if they were not in need of a trim. I can still hear John's reply after I thanked him for a nice job, "Doctor, you're a gentleman and a good judge of haircuts."

Unfortunately, a little piece of Westfield is gone for some of us. We will always remember the special feeling we had walking in to the shop and sitting in John's chair for a trim and a chat.

Marc Mandel, MD
Westfield

Resident Thanks Westfield Restaurants For Support

As a Westfield resident, I wanted to volunteer my time to support the cultural and educational needs of inner city children. I serve on the board of trustees of the Jersey Explorer Children's Museum (JEC), which is an interactive museum located in East Orange.

Recently the museum sponsored its 2nd annual fundraising event "an Evening of Culinary Art and Music"

which featured the cuisine of local restaurants and entertainment by a youth jazz band, the "Jazz Funk Project".

I would like to sincerely thank the following Westfield establishments: Ferraro's Restaurant, Elm Street Cafe, Lime, Theresa's Restaurant, Chez Catherine; Raagini Restaurant in Mountaintide and Bowcraft in Scotch Plains for supporting our annual event, which attracted more than 200 patrons from the surrounding communities. I personally heard compliments from several guests who were pleased to know that some of Westfield, Mountaintide and Scotch Plains best establishments were supporters of the event.

I am proud that my town supports worthy events both within and outside of the Westfield area.

The funds raised from the event will be used to support the building of additional exhibits for families to experience and enjoy.

Vernay Simmons
Westfield

First Congregational Congratulates Rabbi On His Retirement

This letter was sent to Rabbi Charles Krolloff of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield

The members of First Congregational Church of Westfield have been blessed to enjoy a long-standing friendship with the members of Temple Emanu-El for more than 50 years. According to our church's Centennial History (published in 1980), we opened our parish house doors to your community so that you could hold worship services from the summer of 1950 until the completion of your facility in 1953.

Our congregations have a rich heritage of shared history. We have worked together on many projects for the common good of our members and the surrounding communities.

We offer our congratulations to you for your 36 years of dedicated service to Temple Emanu-El and our best wishes for all future endeavors. May peace be with you. Shalom.

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