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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 arcane words.

1. Sug - An unidentified parasite on trout
2. Chololith - A gallstone
3. Hulver - An evergreen shrub or tree
4. Preces - Short responsive prayers in church worship

- SPHENISCAN**
1. In law, a notary or scrivener
 2. A worthless fellow; tramp
 3. A steward
 4. A penguin

- BURINIST**
1. A small metal counter used in some card games
 2. A freed slave
 3. An engraver
 4. A spruce fellow; one who struts or swaggers

- CHAMAL**
1. The angora goat
 2. A peculiar bronzelike luster in certain minerals, often iridescent
 3. The fermented juice of pears
 4. Grayish blue

- SPHRAGISTICS**
1. A well-executed plan or scheme
 2. The science of engraved seals
 3. Pertaining to slavery or bondage
 4. Act of getting to the truth of any matter by strict inquiry

Letters to the Editor

The Deadline is Monday 9 AM for publication on the coming Thursday. The size limit is 200-500 words.



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Congress Needs to Move On From Mueller & Impeachment Harangue

For the past 18 months, Washington, D.C. has been focused almost entirely on the Robert Mueller Report and now on talk of impeaching President Donald Trump. While these House investigations continue, it appears our Congress has decided to put on the back burner the important issues of our day like border security, immigration policy, the threat of a nuclear buildup in Iran and North Korea and the national debt.

The nation should not be dragged through another 17 months of hearings on the Mueller Report and on talk of impeachment until the next Presidential Election in November of 2020. While there might be sufficient votes for impeachment in the Democrat-controlled House, there clearly will not be the votes to remove the President in the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate. Two-thirds, or 67 of the 100 Senators, would need to vote yes to remove Mr. Trump.

Congressman Jeff Van Drew, a Democrat representing New Jersey's second Congressional District in South Jersey, said in a press release, "The people are exhausted with the bad gift that keeps on giving: the Mueller Report. They are tired of the investigations. They are tired of the accusations. They are tired of the reports. Every time it seems we are close to the finish line we take two steps back."

It has been obvious that the swamp factions of this

House of Representatives has wanted to remove Mr. Trump since the day he took office. At the Women's March held in January of 2018 in Westfield, a local resident was holding an "Impeach Trump Now" sign. The problem is House Democrats refuse to reach a consensus on the Mueller Report, while Senate Republicans want to reopen the Hillary Clinton investigation on her using a private email server for official business as secretary of state rather than her State Department account. We need to finalize these seemingly endless investigations and move on with the people's business.

Washington has become more partisan in recent years than ever before. This did not start with and won't conclude with Mr. Trump. Back in the 1980s, then Speaker Tip O'Neil used to play cards with President Ronald Reagan at the White House even though they had their battles over policy issues.

We agree with Mr. Van Drew that the "divisive, unproductive politics" in the nation's capital is something that needs to stop. We need to agree to disagree.

If the nation wants to change Presidents, voters can do that at the polls in 2020. Impeachment should not be a partisan weapon and de facto politics. It has become such in 2019 as it was in 1998, when the GOP-led House passed articles of impeachment on President Bill Clinton for philandering.

accepted Germany's unconditional surrender. Three months later, World War II would draw to a close with the surrender of Japan.

Three quarters of a century have passed, but D-Day still resonates as a vivid reminder of the courage and sacrifice America and like-minded countries have demonstrated on behalf of freedom. Photos showing troops storming the beaches at Normandy, or kneeling beside fallen brothers-in-arms, are still among the most powerful wartime images ever recorded.

The events of D-Day are part of what defines our country's "Greatest Generation." Because of all those who fought and died for liberty during World War II, our entire world was saved from the shackles of tyranny. Because of them, millions were liberated from oppression, enslavement or extermination. Because of them, untold millions more had a chance to live who otherwise would have never even been born.

The heroism of those who served on D-Day, and throughout World War II, continues to inspire us today. Yet as their numbers continue to dwindle each year, we risk losing sight of the magnitude of their contribution to the precious cause of freedom. We cannot allow this to occur. These valiant men and women speak not just for themselves but for all who did not survive. We must continue to ensure that their legacies endure.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Today: We Recall the Heroes of D-Day

Seventy-five years ago today, on June 6, 1944, Allied forces staged the unprecedented land, air and sea campaign known as D-Day, a historic event not only in its scope but in its impact on the course of world history.

Codenamed Operation Overlord, this epic military action to wrest control of Western Europe from the Nazi regime comprised more than 150,000 persons, over 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft. While the bulk of D-Day forces were from the United States, Canada and Great Britain, troops from nine other nations participated as well.

The Allies who stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, faced a fierce firefight with German forces. Although published estimates vary, casualties among the Allied participants in D-Day, including those killed, wounded or listed as missing in action, numbered more than 10,000. Nevertheless, the invasion proved to be a turning point in the course of the war, ultimately leading to the defeat of Nazi Germany and its threat of global domination.

Within a week after D-Day began, the combined Allied forces had fully secured the beaches at Normandy. In the ensuing months, the Allies liberated Paris and invaded Germany. Less than a year after D-Day, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally

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Westfield's 300th Anniversary

The biggest event of all will happen next year when we celebrate Westfield's 300th anniversary. We anticipate a year long schedule of events, culminating in a town wide celebration in the early fall.

We are in the process of forming a planning committee from the many volunteers who have submitted applications, and will be asking for additional volunteers as needed.

We'll be announcing the committee soon, along with a community-wide Anniversary logo contest.

In addition, I remain committed to fostering a community culture of inclusion and acceptance as evidenced

by the strides we've made with forming a Seniors Council, Adaptive and Inclusivity Council, and a Mental Health Commission. Tonight, I'm proud to send a loud message to the LGBTQ community that you too are welcome and accepted here by honoring LGBTQ Pride Month with a proclamation that will be accepted by members of the Westfield High School GSA and Folio. Earlier tonight, I was honored to raise the Pride flag in front of this building for the first time, where it will remain for the month of June.

Shelley Brindle
Westfield Mayor

Mobile Meals of Westfield Donations

The board of Mobile Meals of Westfield would like to thank Limani Seafood Grill [for donating \$588] and Five Guys [for donating \$230] in our May fundraising.

We truly appreciate these local eateries teaming up with us to have people Eat Out for Those Who Can't.

Mobile Meals is a local meal delivery service, serving Westfield, Cranford, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Garwood, Fanwood and Clark. We are often confused with Meals on Wheels which is a federally-funded program only available to those who qualify.

We deliver nutritious, freshly cooked meals five days a week to anyone who is unable to prepare their own meals. While our meal fees cover 60 percent of our costs, the rest is supplied via grants, fundraising and generous private donations.

DEM No-Shows At Freeholder Debate

I attended the scheduled Democrat freeholder's primary debate, hosted by the League of Women's Voters in Plainfield last week. Interesting that only two of the nine Democrat candidates (including none of the "A" ticket candidates) appeared - showing their true level of respect and concern for the constituents of Plainfield and neighboring towns.

As a result of the small number of participating candidates, the appearance's structure to change from the scheduled debate to a meet and greet.

Glenn Gelband
Scotch Plains

Ruth Maloney Mobile Meals Board President Tough To Take

Glenn Gelband and I attended the debate [DEM Freeholder Candidates]. A few observations:

1. Interesting that the Column A incumbents did not show up at all. They helped make the case for the candidates that did show and stated that a very small group of Dem party leaders and their largest donors control the county and they don't really care about the voters.

2. The candidates that did show mentioned they would like more high-density housing to make it more affordable. I did find it interesting when they said by creating more housing the price of all housing declines. This is great if you are buying a home, however if your house is your largest asset it is a tough loss to take.

Glenn Mortimer
Chairman Union County Republican Party

D-Day Mulberrys and Commander Ellsberg

WESTFIELD - Extract of September 9, 2004 by Bud Boothe - Edward Ellsberg, a Westfielder, was involved in both the most important day in the 20th Century, D-Day, and the biggest issue in the Town of Westfield in the century, whether and

where to locate a replacement for the Elm Street High School.

Well known as Commander Ellsberg, the career navy salvage engineering expert gave key advice that contributed to the D-Day invasion being successful, not withstanding

sticky issues between Britain and the U.S. and the respective military leaders. He was heavily involved in getting two prefabricated "Mulberry harbors" up and moved from England to the invasion coast. Lack of same could have been a disaster from lack of supplies and reinforcements.

Mr. Boothe discussed Commander Ellsberg's naval career, including interwar submarine salvages and harbor clearings in the Red Sea and North Africa. An explanation was presented of the Mulberry Harbors and how the project almost failed. Mr. Boothe said of Cdr. Ellsberg, "I knew he had lived in Westfield before and during World War II, and had been on our board of education."

"He died in 1983 at 91," Mr. Boothe said. Mr. Boothe discussed Mr. Ellsberg's importance to the town while serving on the board of education from 1935 to 1939.

It was during the Great Depression and the board was struggling over whether to replace or expand the high school in the Elm Street building. Commander Ellsberg fought with the board on a site that finally went to the voters who sided with him 4-1. The "official Edward Ellsberg" website is www.edwardellsberg.com. Peruse the 100 letters he wrote to his wife in Westfield from D-Day England, "Normandy Letters." They cover FDR's quest for a fourth term, about German generals, family affairs, balancing the checkbook and fixing the family furnace! Veterans of D-Day and World War II buffs may be particularly interested.

Phoenix

Whales

ENGINEERING THE WAR...Mulberry Harbors at D-Day consisted of four parts. Furthest out were Bombardons (floating breakwaters). Inner breakwater was provided by concrete caissons (called Phoenix) that were watertight for crossing the Channel, then flooded and sunk. Inshore, there was Gooseberry, a line of old vessels sunk in shallow water. Finally, floating piers called Whales were connected by floating roadway that lead to the shore. See 2004/Sep/09 WF Leader.

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