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ACTIVITIES

Big Band Dances
Contract Bridge
Lending Library
Painting Group
Tennis

Canasta
Discussion Group
Mah Jongg
Pinochle

Computer Classes*
Duplicate Bridge
Monthly Speaker
Pizza Parties

Computer Fun Meetings
Jigsaw Puzzles
Music Group
Shuffleboard

* Computer classes are available to people 50 and over.

(Additional benefits, e.g. free 911 cell phone, discount BJ's and Costco memberships)

The office is not staffed every day, but you can always leave phone messages.

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A calendar of this month's activities is on page 2

**This will be a Fun issue,
with a decidedly literary emphasis.**

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Officers of the Wayne Adult Community Center, Inc.

President: Bill Shapiro
Treasurer: Bill Pharo

Sergeant at Arms: Vince Barilla

For the current schedule(s),
Click the “This Month”
and “Next Month” buttons at the top of the
page.

Word Play

Each year, the Washington Post conducts the “Mensa¹ Invitational”, in which readers are invited to take a word from the dictionary, make a one-letter alteration (you can add, subtract or substitute), and supply a definition for the new word.

Among the winning words for 2006 were:

Sarchasm:

The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Decafalon (n.):

The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Foreploy:

Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of obtaining sex.

Glibido:

All talk and no action.

Dopeler effect:

The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.):

The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Ignoranus:

A person who is both stupid and an a--hole.

Beelzebug (n.):

Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.):

The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post also conducts a related contest in which people are invited to provide alternate meanings for existing words.

1. MENSA is an actual organization of people who are purportedly very smart . In order to obtain membership, you must pass an intelligence test.

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Cyberspace News

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Keep It Up-To-Date

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Many or all of the “add-ons” listed below are in your computer, and should be kept up-to-date. (We did not include Internet Explorer, which is built into Windows and is set to update automatically unless you have changed the default setting.) They are:

Adobe Reader

Adobe Flash Player

Sun Java

Macromedia Flash Player

Apple QuickTime player

Mozilla Firefox (Yes, it’s a browser but it’s also a media player)

Most or all of the items on the above list can be set to update automatically, but it’s best to be sure in any case that you’re not running an obsolete version. At present, you can check for obsolete software free, via the Web site: http://secunia.com/software_inspector/

The site does not ask for, and does not reveal, any of your personal information.



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Free And Lots Of Fun!

Come to our **Computer Fun Meetings**, which are free and open to everyone, whether you're a WACC member or not. Learn more about computers in an environment that is informal and friendly.

Computer Fun Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month



Just For You

Cyberspace News is now archived in its entirety on the WACC website. In some articles, important additional material is included (for instance, information obtained after publication).

To view articles from past issues, go to www.wacci.net and click the "Archives" button along the left

Search-Engine Caveat

When you use a search engine, such as Google or Yahoo, the results include items identified as "sponsored". The term indicates that an advertiser is paying the search engine to include them prominently in its results.

The problem is that the search engine companies are not diligent in ensuring that all the advertised products are legitimate. For example, at least three of the major search engines provide "sponsored" results featuring fraudulent antispyware programs that offer to scan your computer free of charge, then report problems that don't exist, and encourage you to buy their product in order to remove the fictitious problems. The major search engines all have fancy-

sounding policies regarding fraudulent or dangerous products, but the policies are not enforced.

Some of the advertisers even feature links to purportedly independent review sites that are actually run by the advertiser.

So what can you do? At present, your best recourse is to consult a trusted knowledgeable friend for advice before buying any software product.

Source: Based on an article by Scott Dunn, a contributing editor of PC World Magazine. Thanks to Bill Shapiro for contributing this article.

Bumper Stickers

Here are some interesting bumper stickers courtesy of the website www.dumbbumpers.com:

- Kids in the front seat cause accidents; accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- Politicians and diapers should both be changed frequently and for the same reasons.
- Friends help you move. Real friends help you move bodies.
- Stop animal experimentation. Use lawyers.
- It's God's job to forgive Bin Laden. It's our job to arrange the meeting—USMC.
- Three out of the four voices in my head said I should stay home and clean the guns.
- If you miss your ex, reload and try again.
- Dad's the boss. Right, Mommy?
- Designed by computer, built by robot, driven by moron.
- F.O.R.D.—Fixed Or Repaired Daily
- God, please protect me from your followers.

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Colonoscopy Humor

Colonoscopies are no joke, but some people try to make the best of an uncomfortable exam. A physician claims that the following are actual things said by his patients (predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. "Take it easy, Doc. You're boldly going where no man has gone before!"
2. "Find Amelia Earhart yet?"
3. "Can you hear me NOW?"
4. "Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?"
5. "You know, in Arkansas, we're now legally married."
6. "Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?"
7. "You put your left hand in, you

take your left hand out ... "

8.. "Hey! Now I know how a Muppet feels!"

9. "If your hand doesn't fit, you must quit!"

10. "Hey Doc, let me know if you find my dignity."

11. "You used to be an executive at Enron, didn't you?"

12. "God, now I know why I am not gay."

And the best one of all ...

13. "Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up here?"



Source:
www.thirdage.com

How Are Products Made

It's always interesting to find out how things are made. My family especially enjoys finding out how common, household items are produced. Knowledge like this makes my kids appreciate that we have a little bit more.

If you like this kind of stuff, check out the website www.madehow.com. It lists seven "volumes" you can click to find out the background of an item, its history, what raw materials go into the making of it, how the manufacturing process works, and the projected future of the item. The best part is you can simply scroll down to the parts you're really interested in.

Even if you're not captivated by this knowledge, your grandkids will be. Check it out!

Backwoods High Tech

- **Backup - What you do when you run across a skunk in the woods.**
- **Byte - What your pit bull done to cousin Jethro.**
- **Digital - The art of counting on your fingers.**
- **Diskette - Female Disco dancer.**
- **Fax - What you lie about to the IRS.**
- **Keyboard - Where you hang the keys to the John Deere.**
- **Megahertz - How your head feels after 17 beers.**
- **Modem - What you do when the grass gets too high.**
- **Serial Port - A red wine you drink with breakfast.**

Source (Note the absence of the www in this web address):
<http://jokes.comedycentral.com>

Identity Theft

We're hearing a lot about identity theft these days, probably because it's becoming more and more common even under the "safest" circumstances. If you think you've become a victim of this crime:

- Place a fraud alert in your credit file by calling one of the three national consumer reporting agencies. When one agency processes your fraud alert, it will notify the other two. The agencies are: Equifax: 1/800-525-6285 www.equifax.com; Experian: 1/888-397-3742 www.experian.com; and TransUnion: 1/800-680-7289 www.transunion.com
- Immediately close any accounts that show unauthorized activity. Do this by calling the fraud or security depart-

ment of the affected account. Be sure to follow-up in writing.

- Obtain verification that affected accounts have been closed and any charges you didn't make have been reversed.
- If personal information has been misused, file a police report.
- File a separate complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov and/or call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline at 1/877-IDTHEFT. The FTC has counselors to assist identity theft victims with resolving financial and other problems.

Source: *The Star-Ledger*, 5/17/07

Halloween Websites

Some kids (and adults) really get excited by Halloween. Not the blood and guts aspect of the holiday, but the good, old fashioned dressing up and pretending notion of it. In that spirit, here are some fun Halloween websites:

1. www.teachervision.fen.com—a wholesome website used by teachers that contains cute Halloween games

2. www.everythinghalloween.com—contains offline games you can play at home and/or at a party
3. <http://123child.com> (note the absence of the www in this web address)—an early childhood educator's resource with stuff for the preschool set



Word Play — Continued from Page 3

Among the winners for alternate definitions, were:

Coffee, n.

The person coughed upon.

Flabbergasted, adj.

Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

Abdicate, v.

To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Willy-Nilly, adj.

Impotent (male).

Negligent, adj.

Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

Flatulence, n.

Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash, n.

A rapidly receding hairline.

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Special Events in October

(Note: There will be no General Meeting this October)

Monday, October 8

11:30 AM—Computer Fun Meeting (Free and open to the public)

Tuesday, October 16

12:30 PM—Big Band Dance (Open to the public)

Monday, October 22

11:30 AM—Computer Fun Meeting (Free and open to the public)

Word Play—Alternate Definitions — Continued from Page 9

Testicle, n.

A humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude, n.

The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Oyster, n.

A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

Mentation Test

It's the time of year to take the annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it. Below is a private way to gauge whether you are losing intelligence. It's a test. Good luck.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: Bread. If you said "toast", give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said "bread", proceed to Question 2.

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said "water", proceed to question 3.

3. It's the 1950s, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, TWO engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engines are also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engines fail before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? In East Germany, West Germany, or in "no man's land"?

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Answer: You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. If you said, "You don't bury survivors", proceed to the last question.

OK...PAY ATTENTION NOW

4. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus; In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? Go back and read the first sentence.

Pass this along to all your friends, and hope they don't do any better than you did.

PS: 95% of the people who are brave enough to take this test, fail most of the questions!

We do not stop playing because we grow old; We grow old because we stop playing!

Received over the Internet

A woman, looking up from her newspaper, tells her husband: "It says here that a recent study shows most men to be ignorant and apathetic. Do you think they're right?"

The husband replies: "I don't know and I don't care".

At the class reunion, Ralph walks up to another man and exclaims: "Walter! I haven't seen you in years! Wow, have you changed! You shaved your mustache, you got rid of your pony tail, and you don't wear blue jeans any more".

The other man tells him: "I'm Bob Dunsmore".

"Wow," replies Ralph, "you changed your name too!"

Times and Contacts for Regular Activities

ACTIVITY	DAY & TIME	COORDINATOR(S)
Big Band Dance ¶	Third Tue 12:30 PM*	Bill English
Canasta ¢¢	Wed 1:00 PM—3:00 PM ¶¶¶	Elizabeth Farace
Computer Classes ¢¢	(various —see coordinator)	Vince Barilla
Computer Fun Meeting ¶ ¢¢	2nd & 4th Mon 11:30 AM	Charlie McNally
Contract Bridge	Mon 10:00 AM—1:00 PM	Myrna Korman
Cyberspace News	Monthly	Linda Klonsky, Editor
Discussion Group	Thu 10:00 AM—Noon	Arnold Rogoff
Duplicate Bridge	Tue 12:45 PM—4:15 PM	Geri Hogan
“	Thu 12:45 PM—4:15 PM	David Ryan and Fred Weston
Executive Committee	Second Wed 9 AM	William Shapiro
General Meeting ¶¶	Third Wed 1:00 PM	William Shapiro
Hospitality Hostesses	General Meeting, Big Band Dance	Camille Balletto and Marion English
Intermediate Bridge ¢¢	Friday 1:00 PM—3:00 PM	Myrna Korman
Jigsaw Puzzle	Anytime ¥	June Morris
Lending Library	Anytime ¥	June Morris
Line Dancing ¢¢.§	Tuesday, 1:30 PM—3:00 PM §§	Joyce Cimera
Mah Jongg ¢¢	Thursday 9:30 AM—11:30 AM	Barbara Taitleman
Music Group	Friday, 9:00 AM—Noon	Lorraine Dienno
Monthly Speaker Series ¶¶	(At the General Meeting)	Elizabeth Farace
Newsletter	Monthly	William Shapiro, Editor
Painting Group	Friday, 9:00 AM	Anil Mathur
Pinochle ¢¢	Tue 9:30 AM	Elizabeth Farace
“	Wed 9:30 AM	Henry Gates
Shuffleboard (outdoor) ¢.¥¥¥	Sat 10:00 AM—Noon	Henry Hartmann
Tennis ¥¥	Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 AM***	Vic Scillieri

* Elks Lodge #2181, located at 50 Hinchman Ave, Wayne.

** Preakness School (formerly the Wayne Civic Center), Hamburg Turnpike northbound, second building before the jug handle at Church Lane .

*** Weather permitting. Suspended December through March

¶ Open to the public.

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¶¶¶ Except for the third Wednesday of the month

¢ Kilroy Park, Concord Place, Wayne.

¢¢ Instruction included or available.

¢¢¢ Not held in July, August, or December ¥ Except during Executive Committee meetings

¥¥ Tennis courts behind municipal complex, Nellis Drive, Wayne. Suspended in the winter months.

¥¥¥ May through September, weather permitting § Suspended during the summer.

§§ No dance on the first Tuesday of the month

The coordinators may be contacted through our office at 973-633-0734

Consult the Daily Schedule on Page 2 for dates when the Center is closed.

Computer Fun Meeting Topics

To receive regular topic announcements, send an Email request to: charliewacci@hotmail.com