

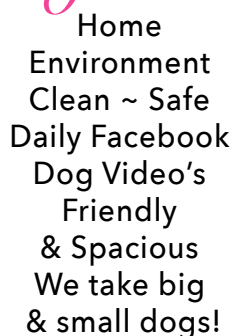
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Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH students put skills from Advanced Manufacturing class to work for project

When new Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Advanced Manufacturing instructor Peter Stone found out five days before a Herkimer BOCES board meeting that Technical Education programs typically create gifts to give the board for School Board Recognition each October, he gave his students a challenge.

The Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School juniors and seniors who take Advanced Manufacturing were assigned to create a drill vice on a plaque engraved with a message and all of the students' names.

"There were 64 operations and nine parts, and we did it in five days," Stone said.

The drill vice plaque was presented to the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education in October in honor of the annual School Board Recognition Week. The item represented a gift of what the students learn in class, Stone said.

"It's a very fitting way I think for students to give a gift to the board members," he said. "They did a nice job on it."

Advanced Manufacturing is an important class for VP-TECH students because they learn many skills, and there are many opportunities in advanced manufacturing, Stone said.

"Manufacturing creates everything from cinder blocks to rocket ships," he said.

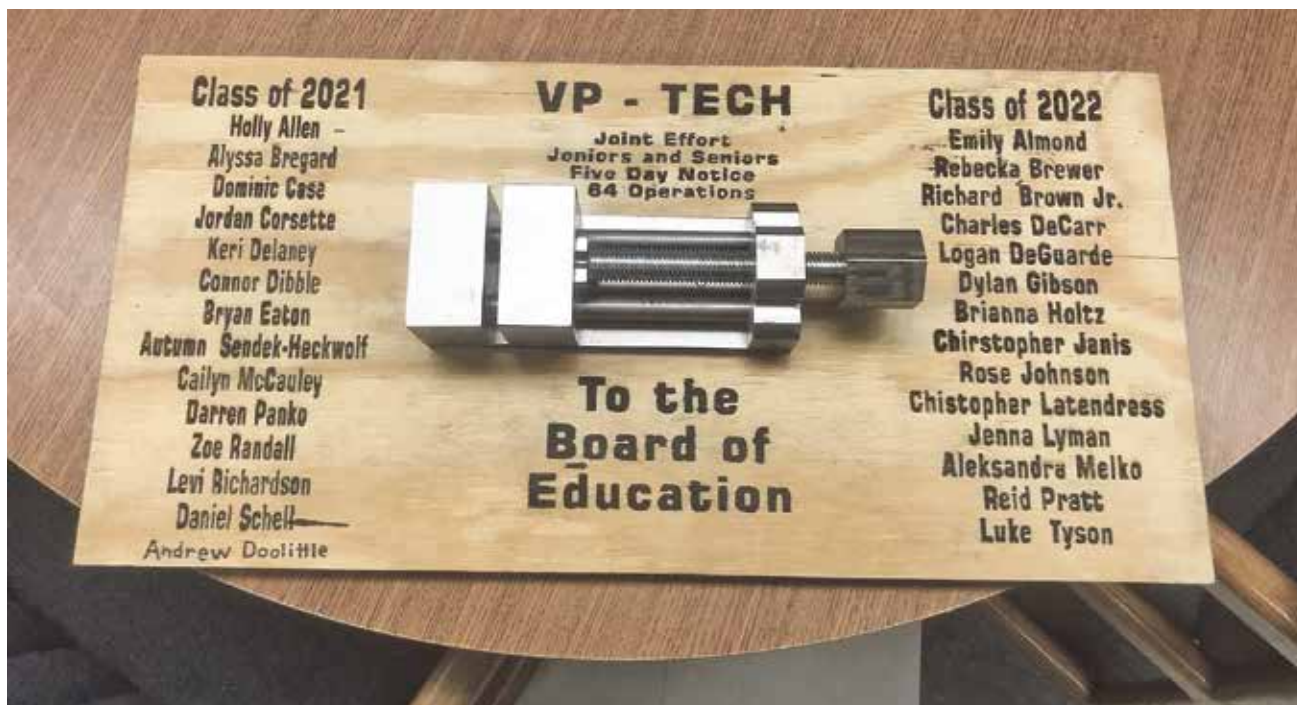
VP-TECH senior Jordan Corsette, of Central Valley, said the project entailed many aspects of the Advanced Manufacturing program.

"The vice is a good representation of the mechanical skills that we learn in this program," Corsette said. "Teamwork and wordless collaboration with the junior Advanced Manufacturing class made this project possible."

For the project, students used a variety of skills they learn in advanced manufacturing such as following blueprints, being able to pick up where one operation left off to continue the work, making metal parts, doing tolerancing, conducting quality control, doing milling and using equipment such as a surface grinder, lathes and computer numerical control (CNC) machines.

Advanced Manufacturing students have heard positive feedback about the drill vice they created for the Board of Education and deserve credit for the work they put in, Stone said.

"They made all the parts and did everything," Stone said.



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School Student juniors and seniors created this drill vice plaque in their Advanced Manufacturing class with instructor Peter Stone as a gift to the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education. Students used many skills they've learned in class for the project. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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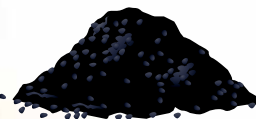
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Staffworks Save A Life Campaign and the Dolgeville C.A.T. Project

The The Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. Project is participating in this year's Staffworks Fund Save A Life Campaign that will be matching donations from Nov. 30 through Dec. 31 to 39 participating animal welfare organizations located in 17 counties in New York State and Pennsylvania. The group was organized in September 2018 when a cat living in an outside colony tested positive for rabies in the village. They began a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) program to humanely trap outdoor cats, spay and neuter, with a rabies vaccination, and return them where a caretaker provides regular food and shelter. Their program has helped TNR over 100 cats in the village and surrounding community of Oppenheim and Salisbury and rehomed 53 friendly cats through the assistance of area rescue groups, shelters and their own foster homes.

During the 2019 flooding, the group assisted with housing displaced cats, bringing them to safety, and being the local source for food and cat litter. On Dec. 4 and 5 of this year, the group is partnering with Field, Abroad and Reaching our Veterinarians (FARVets) for a Spay/Neuter Clinic in Dolgeville serving 40 animals for low income families and outside colonies with the support of The Staffworks Fund.

They are asking for donations to help support their ongoing work to reduce the number of homeless and outdoor cats. Donations can be mailed to Dolgeville For-

ward C.A.T. Project, PO Box 71, Dolgeville, NY 13329. You may also visit their Facebook page at Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. Project Trap/Neuter/Return and make a donation through their Paypal link.

Since 2014, the Save A Life Campaign has raised more than \$3.1 million for non-profit organizations caring for at-risk animals in our regional community, with donors contributing more than \$2.1 million to secure matching funds from the Staffworks Fund.

Anita Vitullo, founder of the Save A Life Campaign stated, "COVID has significantly affected fundraising efforts for many organizations that provide direct care and support services for homeless and abused animals, spay/neuter programs, and pet food pantries. While they are devoted to helping underserved animals, they cannot provide crucial services without our dona-

tions. Funds raised and matched during this Campaign will sustain these organizations' operations and programs through 2021."



Pictured are cats from a situation the Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. Project has assisted with a TNR program this year. Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. Project

Ciabatta

Try this flat Italian bread with any hearty soup or stew. We also like it with a simple green salad.

1 package active dry yeast

1 teaspoon sugar

5 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon salt

2 tablespoons milk

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1. In cup, combine yeast, sugar and 1/4 cup warm water (105 F to 115 F). Let stand until yeast mixture foams, about 5 minutes.

2. Into bowl of heavy-duty mixer, measure flour and salt. With wooden spoon, stir in milk, olive oil, yeast mixture and 2 cups warm water (105 F to 115 F) until blended. With dough hook, mix on medium speed 15 minutes or until dough becomes elastic. (Or, if you prefer to mix by hand, in very large bowl, combine ingredients as above and stir with wooden spoon 15 minutes or until dough becomes elastic.) This is a very sticky and moist dough; resist the urge to add more flour, and do not knead or stir for less than the suggested time.

3. Scrape dough into greased large bowl; with greased hand, pat top of dough to coat. Cover bowl with plastic wrap, and let dough rise in warm place (80 F to 85 F) until doubled, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

4. Flour large cookie sheet. With floured hand, punch down dough and divide in half. Turn pieces of dough onto cookie sheet, about 3 inches apart; cover and let rest 15 minutes for easier

shaping.

5. With hands, pull 1 piece of dough into 14 by 4-inch oval. Repeat with remaining piece, still keeping loaves 3 inches apart. With floured fingers, make deep indentations all over each loaf, making sure to press all the way down to cookie sheet. Sprinkle loaves lightly with flour. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 30 minutes.

6. Heat oven to 425 F. Place 12 ice cubes in 13 by 9-inch metal baking pan. Place pan in bottom of oven. Bake loaves on middle rack 25 to 30 minutes until golden, using spray bottle to spritz loaves with water 3 times during first 10 minutes of baking. Cool loaves on wire rack.

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by Keith Roach, M.D.

Can they give gift to their doctor?

Dear Dr. Roach: We are very fond of our family doctor. I was in to see him the other day, and it came up in conversation that he was going to be getting married. We would like to acknowledge this event in his life with either a lovely card or a small gift. I know the old-school way of thinking is to never do things that are so personal when it comes to your physician. Do you think that still holds true today? — N.W.

Answer: Physicians are human beings, and a thoughtful card is always appreciated. Gifts can sometimes be OK, but the American Medical Association has some guidelines for physicians on accepting gifts. I agree with them and you might find them helpful:

— Be sensitive to the size of the gift: Inappropriately large gifts should not be accepted.

— Do not let a gift influence patient care.

— Decline a gift that would present an emotional or financial hardship to the patient's family.

— Consider suggesting a charitable contribution in lieu of a gift.

I would add that sometimes rejecting a gift can be hurtful, and if accepting a gift conforms to the guidelines, I generally accept it with thanks.

Dear Dr. Roach: Hi. I'm a very healthy, 68-year-old male. My only issue is almost nonexistent testosterone. What type of doctor should I see? It seems to be a

problem for many senior men. — A.

Answer: Low testosterone is a concern for many men as they get older. In some cases, the concern is justified. Some men may have a problem making testosterone due to a condition in the brain (the hypothalamus and pituitary gland both need to be working properly for testosterone production) or in the testes, where testosterone is actually made. In these cases, testosterone replacement therapy is clearly indicated.

What is still controversial is whether to treat healthy older men who have a low testosterone level and no symptoms. It's not clear that treatment of low testosterone will prevent problems in the future. It's possible that's the case, but I am very cautious about prescribing a drug with potential harms for someone without symptoms, when it has not been proven to be of benefit.

However, men with symptoms of low testosterone, such as low sex drive, depressed mood and loss of body hair, and who have clearly low testosterone levels may benefit from treatment, and a trial of testosterone treatment is appropriate. Men should learn about potential risk (prostate cancer remains a concern despite reassuring early studies) and have regular laboratory evaluation.

Low energy by itself is not clearly a symptom of low testosterone and may not improve with testosterone treatment.

Dr Roach writes: A recent column on easy bruising in older adults prompted several readers to recommend specialized makeup products to cover the discolored areas. That is not something I had considered, and I appreciate the recommendation. Another reader recommended dry skin brushing, but I could not find good evidence that this helps with skin discoloration.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Pets must adapt to winter weather

G: My springy little mutt, "Sandy," just loves winter! Whenever it snows, she runs right outside to play. We had an early snowstorm just before Halloween, and I let her out to play. When she came back in after about an hour, she was whimpering and limping. I didn't see any cuts on her paws, but she was shivering quite a bit. I wrapped her in a towel and held her on my lap for a while. I'm guessing she got cold and scared, but that has never happened to her before. She usually stays outside for at least an hour and I have to call her back in.

-- Daryl J., Leominster, MA

A: You did the right thing by checking Sandy as she came inside and warming her up. If she doesn't display any unusual behavior go-

ing forward, then your first guess is correct, that she got mild hypothermia from being out in the snow.

Pets need to acclimate to changing temperatures in the fall and



winter. A cold snap in the fall can feel more bitter than colder but steady winter temperatures.

Other factors can also put a dog at risk for hypothermia. Make sure that Sandy always has water in her bowl, and that water is available during her outside romps, as hydration helps to maintain body temperature. Excessively wet or snowy conditions can speed heat loss. Providing a sheltered spot outdoors will give Sandy a place to take breaks and dry out.

A cold injury can take longer to recover from than we realize. For now, limit Sandy's time outside in the cold to about 30 minutes, and check on her every 10 minutes. If she is shivering or whimpering, bring her inside. And if you have continuing concerns, don't hesitate to contact the veterinarian.

Send your tips, comments and questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Calendar of events

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December 4 and 5

Holiday Indoor Yard Sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at George Ward Memorial Library building, 20 N. Main Street, Dolgeville. Benefits Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. Project. For more information, call 315.717.5823.

December 5

Ilion First Baptist Church Tis the Season Christmas Breakfast 8-10 a.m. 8 Second St., Ilion. Take outs only. For more info contract the church office at 315.894.9041.

December 8

Mohawk Fire Ladies Auxiliary Annual Brooks Chicken Barbecue 4-8 p.m. Curb-side service behind the firehouse on S. Washington St., Mohawk. Any questions, call Brenda at 315.867.4126.

December 11

Irish Cultural Center Mohawk Valley hosting 'Live from Ireland' virtual event with bestselling Irish Author Ruairi McKiernan 7-8 p.m. Free through Zoom. More information on registration can be found at www.hitchingforhope.com Free registration available at

December 14

Cancelled: One Day Bus Trip to visit Destiny USA Mall in Syracuse. For more information, call the Herkimer County Historical Society at 315.866.6413.

December 19

Oil Painting Class with Wilson Bickford 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. "Snow Glow" at Auskerada Place, 78 S. Main St., Dolgeville. Call Diane 315.429.3618 to register.

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Virtual Mentor Mondays provide helpful opportunities for Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH students

The Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School recently kicked off its third year of Mentor Mondays by hosting the meetings with

penter-Brockway said. "Although we would love to be in person, this medium provides so many learning opportunities for students when it comes to video conferencing etiquette and working virtu-

on Monday, Nov. 2. The other meetings are scheduled for January, March and May. Students work with the same mentor throughout the school year.

Mentor Mondays start-

Mentor Mondays of the 2019-20 school year was also conducted virtually through Zoom, as all the meetings will be this school year.

"This year, in addition to being virtual, the for-

el, and the discussion is different depending upon what grade you're in. Soft skills are the focus for the ninth and 10th grade, while 11th grade and 12th grade are doing situational activities that

lead to great discussion regarding appropriate ways to react in certain workplace situations."

There are six mentors – with one assigned to

Virtual 7



Edited screenshot of a Zoom call with Paige Zupan and VP-TECH students. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

mentors virtually this school year.

Mentors from local businesses in a variety of career fields will meet virtually with Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH students in grades 9-12 four times this school year to provide advice and answer questions, VP-TECH business teacher Andrew Carpenter-Brockway said.

"We are very fortunate to be able to continue offering Mentor Mondays virtually this year," Car-

ally. I believe there will be many jobs that will continue to be done virtually even after the pandemic is behind us, so it's great that we can acclimate students to this new way of life right as they are about to enter the workforce. Additionally, students now have a professional contact aside from their teachers that they can use for references or just some extra advice."

The first Mentor Mondays event of the 2020-21 school year took place



Paige Zupan online with her VP-TECH students.

ed in the 2018-19 school year with in-person meetings and continued last school year. The final

mat is slightly different," Carpenter-Brockway said. "The mentors are assigned by grade lev-

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by JoAnn Derson

• Five ways to keep yourself from turning up the thermostat this winter: Put on a sweater; have a nice bowl of soup or stew; wear slippers or thick nonskid socks, grab a comfy blanket; snuggle up with someone special.

• "If you bathe in a tub, try rubbing on bath oil before getting in the tub. You will get greater coverage and more moisturizing power from your bath oil. And at this time of year, who doesn't need that?" — M.E. in Washington

• "Here's a great way to use Christmas cards from last year: Trace a child's hand on the back of the pictures. Cut them out and use them to make a wreath for the front door. Or, make small jigsaw puzzles for young children to play with. Any good, detailed artwork on a card front will do. Make squiggly lines in the fashion of a jigsaw puzzle, then cut out. It helps if the

cardstock is good and thick." — M.M. in Utah

• "To keep light bulbs from sticking in the socket, apply petroleum jelly to the base of the bulb before screwing it into the fixture." — B.D. in Virginia

• Here's an oldie but a goodie: Add a few drops of water to votive cups before adding a candle. The wax will float on the water, and when the candle burns down, it won't get stuck in the votive glass.

• "Burned rice? No problem. While it's still hot, carefully remove to a new pot any rice not browned or blackened. Then top it with a single slice of white bread. Allow it to sit for several minutes under a tightly fitted lid. The burned smell is absorbed by the bread, and the rice is fit to eat." — M.U. in Michigan

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ninth grade, two for 10th grade, one for 11th grade and two for 12th grade.

The mentors this school year are:

• Melinda Green, architect with SMSA Architects
• Tim Fitzgerald, associate vice president at

Mohawk Valley EDGE

• Kayla Morrill, human resources manager at Gehring-Tricot Corp.

• Kailey Sweet, chief financial officer and co-owner of Liberty Translations

• Paige Zupan, nursing

student at Utica College

• Mark Cushman, vice president of organizational development at Fiber Instrument Sales

Green, Fitzgerald, Morrill and Cushman are returning mentors, and organizers are very happy that they have been able to keep most of the mentors from the start of the program in 2018, Carpenter-Brockway said. This year, two new mentors were added based on student feedback: Sweet and Zupan.

Sweet is a graduate of the Herkimer BOCES Information Technology Academy program that Carpenter-Brockway taught at the time Sweet was a student. Through Herkimer BOCES, Sweet obtained multiple credits from Herkimer College in business administration and went on

to complete that degree. She now is the co-owner of Liberty Translations, in Utica, which provides interpreting and translating services for multiple languages, Carpenter-Brockway said.

"We are really proud of her accomplishments and glad to have her here mentoring our students," Carpenter-Brockway said.

Zupan, a graduate of Hamilton College who went on to do some consulting for a nonprofit in New York City for a year, is now a nursing student at Utica College. As a current college student, she has a lot of insight to offer on the transition from high school to college and beyond, Carpenter-Brockway said.

"She actually already has a bachelor's degree and realized after obtain-

ing it that it wasn't what she wanted to do, so now she is pursuing a career in nursing," Carpenter-Brockway said.

During the Nov. 2 Mentor Mondays event, there were six virtual breakout sessions, and Zupan spoke with ninth-graders. She said she has always wanted to do mentoring, and she had all of the students introduce themselves, name their career interests and give a fun fact about themselves.

"Hopefully, we can connect my experiences with something you're trying to do," she said.

Zupan spoke to students about body language and facial expressions that can make a difference when interviewing for or just starting a job.

At the end of the session, she asked students

to name takeaways they had from the discussion. Answers included don't roll your eyes, don't act too shy, maintain eye contact, keep positive facial expressions and don't cross your arms.

"You might come off as a closed-off person, and that's not something you want," Zupan said.

Carpenter-Brockway also shared a story about eye contact from his work in real estate that another more experienced broker once pointed out to him that he looked to the side when talking due to a lack of confidence. It initially made him feel a combination of embarrassed, angry and upset, but ultimately proved to be valuable advice, he said.

"However, that helped me so much," Carpenter-Brockway said. "Try to make good eye contact. It's very important."

Zupan also discussed virtual etiquette, which she said is also known as "netiquette," such as when to mute yourself or not and that you should still look presentable.

Another piece of advice she gave was about learning how to act when first starting a job. If you're not sure what to do, you can be an observer and see what your co-workers do, she said.

"That can kind of guide your actions too and what's appropriate or inappropriate," she said.

Zupan also advised that when you meet someone new, you should repeat the person's name out loud when responding. "That repetition will help you remember that person's name," she said.

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Irish Cultural Center Mohawk Valley to host 'Live from Ireland' virtual event with bestselling Irish author

On Friday, Dec. 11 from 7-8 p.m., the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley will host a free online event featuring Irish Times bestselling Irish author Ruairi McKiernan. The event is being hosted in partnership with Chelsea Green Publishing and promises to be an entertaining, enlightening and uplifting event for all.

McKiernan will be coming live from his home near the Cliffs of Moher on the wild west coast of Ireland ensuring all who tune in are promised a warm and authentic Irish welcome from one of Ireland's most inspiring voices. The author will read from his new book *Hitching for Hope* – a Journey into the Heart and Soul of Ireland, which is described as “part personal travel pilgrimage, and part political quest that captures the power of human resilience.” The book is a reflection on a hitchhiking listening tour McKiernan undertook around Ireland during the country's previous recession, while he was contemplating the prospect of emigration. The book is also a memoir reflecting on his 20 years' work as a trailblazing social leader, including the seven years he spent as one of the President of Ire-

land's appointees to the Council of State, the Irish president's advisory body.

Hitching for Hope is very much a timely celebration of the values of community spirit, kindness, and collective action in today's world. It landed a number one spot in the Irish Times bestseller charts and has received widespread praise from readers and reviewers alike. American folk legend Peggy Seeger has described it as “Irish to its core and international in its search for optimism and communal involvement” and says it's “an easy and uplifting read.” Other well-known figures have praised the book including musician Amanda Palmer, folk singer Christy Moore, authors Patricia Scanlan and Chuck Collins, and environmentalists Bill McKibben and Joanna Macy.

McKiernan was previously named by the Ashoka global foundation as one of the top 10 change makers in Ireland. He is the founder of the pioneering SpunOut national youth organization, a Fulbright Fellow, a regular contributor to the Irish media, and host of the chart-topping *Love and Courage* podcast. He is also a passionate and



A virtual gathering of inspiration and conversation live from the west coast of Ireland with bestselling Irish author Ruairi McKiernan is planned in December by the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley.

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sought after public speaker and has worked with youth and community organizations throughout Europe, the US, Canada and Australia.

McKiernan had been due to undertake a US book tour this summer but was forced to cancel due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. However, thanks to the wonders of technology, he will be able to connect with people live and direct from the comfort of their own homes for what is sure to be an uplifting and inspiring evening where he will share

his insights into how we can all cultivate community, connection and a more hopeful future at this time of great change.

The free event takes

place Friday, Dec. 11, from 7-8 p.m. through Zoom where registrants will have the opportunity to engage in conversation with the author. All are

welcome and organizers are encouraging those involved with schools, colleges, non-profits, libraries, and bookstores in particular to join the event which will be available as a live stream on the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley's Facebook page. More information on registration can be found at www.hitchingforhope.com

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Poland fills school board vacancy

The Poland Central School District Board of Education recently appointed former board member Michael Chauvin to the board to fill a vacancy.

Board President Robert Batson said Chauvin's background in finance and management gives

him great experience for Poland's current situation with Capital Project 2020 winding down and the general school budget climate related to unbudgeted COVID-19 equipment, New York State Education Department requirements and staffing.

"Mike did not hesitate when asked to serve the Poland community again and has already had a positive impact in board discussions," Batson said.

The vacancy was created when board member Faith Murphy resigned effective Aug. 20, 2020, because her primary residence changed

to Remsen Central School District. Following a review of options, board members appointed Chauvin on Oct. 8, and his first meeting back on the board was Oct. 15.

Chauvin's seat will be up for election in the next school budget vote/Board of Education election, scheduled to take place in May 2021.

To fill the vacancy created by Murphy leaving, board members had three options: hold a special election, appoint someone to the seat or leave the seat vacant.

A special election was quickly ruled out, particularly considering the uniqueness of the current school year.

"No one on the board wanted to go the route of a special election," Batson said. "Poland's staff had just gone through June's elections, and we did not want to put resources or extra money toward that endeavor."

After several discussion about leaving the seat vacant or filling it with an appointee, board members decided it would be better to fill the seat, Batson said.

Board members asked Board Clerk Donna Willington to research how past board vacancies

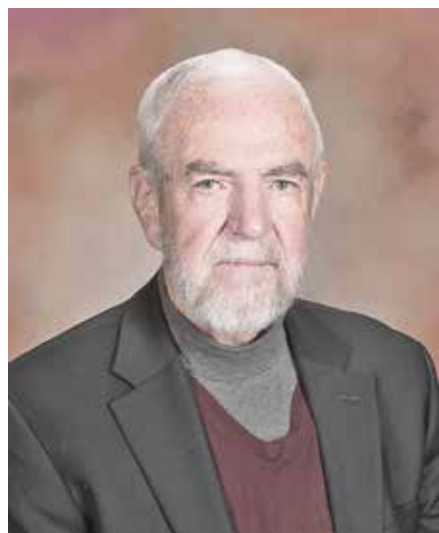
were filled, and that information was shared during a Sept. 17 board meeting.

"The PCS board had made a few appointments to fill vacant seats through the years," Batson said. "These appointments have been previous board members or people that have recently petitioned for an open board seat."

The seat left vacant by Murphy's departure didn't have any recent district residents who had petitioned to run for office, so the board asked Wellington to compile a list of previous board members, Batson said. Board members reviewed the information and came up with a list of former board members that they authorized Batson to reach out to and inquire about their willingness to accept an appointment to the board.

There are multiple advantages to appointing a former board member to fill a vacancy, Batson said.

"Previous school board members are already aware of the time commitment and have had state required training workshops required to be immediately effective contributors," Batson said.



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Holiday gifts to spark home improvement ideas

People have spent more time at home in 2020 than they likely have in years past. This has provided homeowners with plenty of time to ponder potential upgrades to their homes. After taking inventory of their lifestyles, surroundings and furnishings, people have embarked on construction projects or home interior design renovations in record numbers.

Holiday gifts that cater to projects around the house are likely to be highly valued this holiday season. Here are some ideas for home improvement-related gifts.

• **Home improvement retailer gift card:** Home improvement centers are one-stop shopping for do-it-yourselfers. To help offset the cost of supplies, gift-givers can give a gift card to a neighborhood hardware store.

• **Magazine subscription:** There are plenty of ideas on the internet, but a subscription to a home remodeling or interior design magazine puts inspiration right in homeowners' hands. Pages can be marked or cut out and used on idea boards.

• **Tools and supplies:** Homeowners just starting out may benefit from the basics. Stores often sell starter tool kits that can be used in home improvement-themed baskets. Experienced DIYers may have a special tool in mind that is outside their budget right now, like a chop saw or cordless power drill. Purchasing one of these items can help projects move along more smoothly.

• **Expert consultation:** Who can't use a little help with their home remodeling efforts? Give the gift of a consultation from an interior designer or professional contractor to help complete plans that may be a little out of reach for the average DIYer.

• **Big-ticket item:** Some friends and family members may want to pool their resources and offer loved ones an over-the-top gift. This can include a backyard playset for children, a storage shed, a pool installation, or even a new appliance package. Gift ideas are endless and only limited by budget.

• **Room re-do:** All it may take is some new linens or accents to transform a room. From throw pillows to curtains to wall art, give the gift of an easy room makeover.

Riding the momentum of increased home improvement projects from the past several months, holiday shoppers can choose home-related gift ideas to keep the projects and ideas flowing.

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How to support small businesses this holiday season

The holiday season is an important one for small businesses every year, and it figures to take on heightened importance in 2020. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in late 2019 and early 2020 hit small businesses especially hard, with many being forced to close their facilities to customers in an effort to prevent the virus

from spreading.

Estimates regarding the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on small businesses varied, but many small business owners were forced to let go employees as they confronted steep declines in revenue. A ZenBusiness survey of more than 1,000 small business founders, senior managers and decision makers found that 37 per-

cent of small businesses that employ between 11 and 25 people were considering laying off more than one-fifth of their workforce.

As small businesses face difficult challenges, it's no surprise that many consumers want to support locally owned small businesses this holiday season. Such support not only can help small busi-

nesses, but also can help to revitalize local communities.

• **Shop online.** Online shopping has traditionally been dominated by big box retailers. However, many small businesses increased their e-commerce capabilities to generate revenue. Shoppers concerned about shopping in person this holiday season should explore the delivery and curbside pickup options available at locally owned small businesses. Even businesses that have not traditionally been allowed to deliver, such as breweries and wineries, have been able to do so during the outbreak, giving consumers unlimited online shopping options.

• **Purchase gift cards.** Gift cards take the guesswork out of holiday shopping, and such cards are easily shipped or even emailed to loved ones. That's a significant benefit during the 2020 holiday season, when delivery times are expected to be lengthy. Gift cards to local businesses simplify holiday shopping, support small businesses and help

shoppers avoid potential delivery delays.

• **Share your experience.** Word-of-mouth is vital to small businesses at any time, and can be especially valuable as these companies try to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak. Holiday shoppers can share their experiences with local businesses via social media. Share information about the lengths local small businesses have gone to in regard to

safety measures, order fulfillment and their delivery and pickup efforts. Such sharing may compel neighbors and friends to follow your lead and provide vital support to local businesses in need this holiday season.

Small businesses are the backbone of many communities, and the holiday season provides a great opportunity to support such firms as they look to recover from a difficult year.



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Kovels: Antiques and collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Clever table

A table has four legs and a flat top — except when it is designed by a clever cabinetmaker. Freeman's Auction in Philadelphia sold an unusual rosewood table with two partial shelves built below the 20-inch square tabletop. It is decorated with carved dragons on the brackets and a spider and fly inlay of mixed metal and mother-of-pearl. The Anglo-Japanese inlaid rosewood table was made by A. and H. Lejambre of Philadelphia around 1880; the company produced work from 1865 to 1907. Similar tables are in several museums. The table sold at auction for \$13,000.

Q: My parents bought a home in Florida and purchased the contents, including an interesting table used as a lamp table. The top flips to one side, doubling its surface, and can be raised for storage. Open, it measures 17 inches high by 34 inches

square. A label reads "Williams-Kimp Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Mich." Could you tell me more about this table and its value?

A: Game tables were popular during the 18th and 19th centuries — first in England, and then in the United States. Cabinetmakers designed clever tables suitable for writing letters and for pastimes like playing cards, chess or backgammon. The tables looked like regular tables when not in use. Some had a hinged top that folded, swiveled or slid open to reveal a playing surface. Others had a game board inlaid on top. The Williams-Kimp Furniture Co. started in Grand Rapids in 1923. It was purchased by Baker Furniture in 1951. The company made reproductions of American Federal furniture including dining sets, secretaries, desks, chairs and pieces like your game table. Your table is worth about \$175 to \$225.



This unusual table is an example of Anglo-Japanese style. It has a look that was not favored by many cabinetmakers. The table with wooden tiers and carved dragons sold at auction for \$13,000.

Q: I have 11 Imperial Glass Whirling Star Marigold Iridescent punch cups and have no idea how to price them. Can you help?

A: Imperial's Whirling Star pattern in Marigold was only made in punch sets. The complete set, including the punch bowl, base and 12 cups, sells for about \$300-\$450. A set with the punch bowl and six cups was offered for sale for \$95. Whirling Star punch cups in other colors sell for about \$5 or \$6. The set has been reproduced.

Current prices

Windsor chair: maple, pine, triple comb, continuous arm, ring-turned legs, 40 x 25 inches, \$1,080.

Secretary desk: shaped crown, 2 doors, 3 drawers, ribbons, birds, cream ground, 84 x 35 inches, \$1,680.

Farm table: dining, chip carved oak, overhang top, drawer, tapered block legs and square feet, c. 1810, 29 x 70 inches, \$4,000.

Tub chair: mahogany, carved, rounded back, scrolled arms, leafy uprights, flared legs, brass cuffs, casters, 36 x 24 inches, \$7,040.

TIP: Store drinking glasses and vases right side up to protect the rims.

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Poland students participate in World Kindness Day

Poland Central School District elementary students and teachers showed their support for World Kindness Day on Friday, Nov. 13, by wearing red shirts and featuring the theme of kindness throughout that week.

The red shirts were because World Kindness Day organizers selected the color red this year as a tribute to Fred Rogers of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" because of the kindness he showed, Poland school social worker Kimberlee Schneider said.

"All week, the students were encouraged to show small acts of kindness toward their peers, teachers and family," Schneider said. "On Friday, they were encouraged to wear the color red. The color red was chosen in the spirit of Mr. Rogers, who always wore a red cardigan, but he also always spoke about the importance of being kind to one another."

The celebration of World Kindness Day also tied into the virtual Morning Meetings that elementary teachers have the option of participating in once per week this school year. The meetings used to be held in person on Mondays, but switched to virtual this school year and are organized by Assistant Principal Gina Smith, school counselor Jan Kochan and Schneider.

Each week for the Morning Meetings, a character education word is highlighted. A classroom that exemplifies the character word is chosen each week for recognition.

"This gets the kids really involved in learning about the character word but also in acting on the word here in their school community," Schneider said.

For the week of World Kindness Day, the character word of course was kindness.

Poland Principal Greg Cuthbertson said on World Kindness Day that the focus on kindness connects to ongoing educational support for students.

"This is part of our social emotional learning program, and we wanted to bring awareness to our school community about World Kindness Day," Cuthbertson said. "We talk all the time about character, following the 'golden rule' and being kind to one another. We saw a lot of red today to support that."



Poland Central School District students wore red in honor of World Kindness Day on Friday, Nov. 13. World Kindness Day organizers selected the color red as a tribute to Fred Rogers of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" because he wore red and showed kindness throughout his career. Pictured here, fifth-graders in teacher Todd Manley's class pose in their red outfits.

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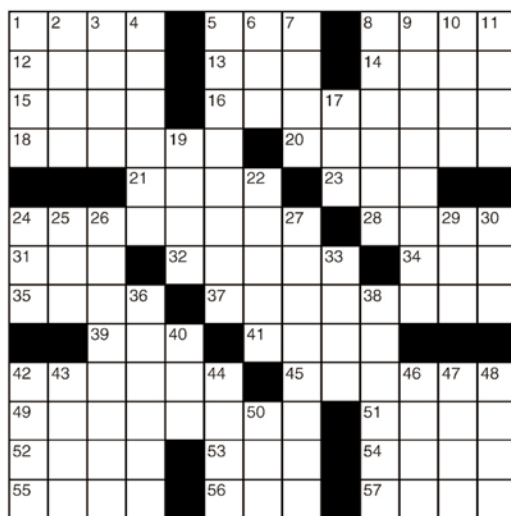
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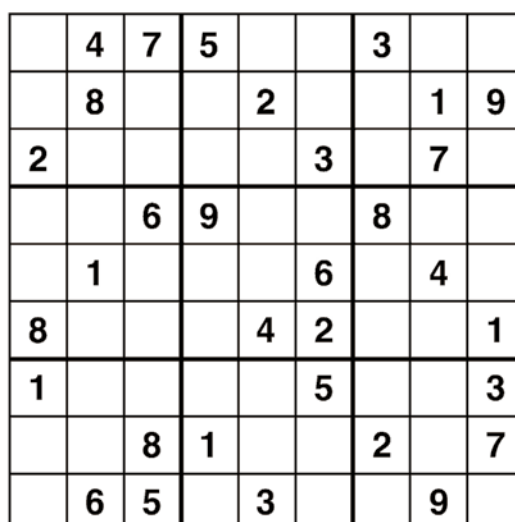


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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



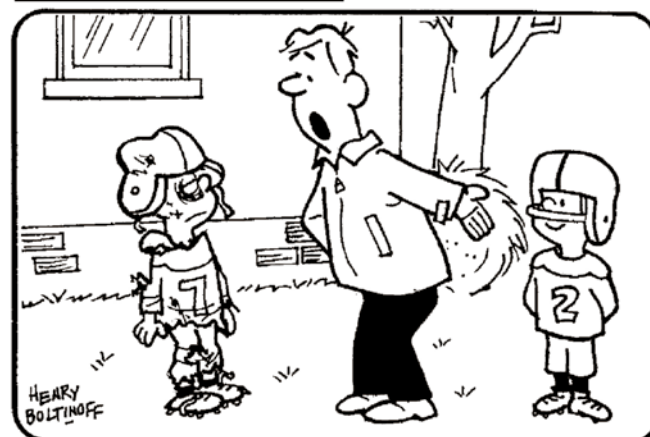
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

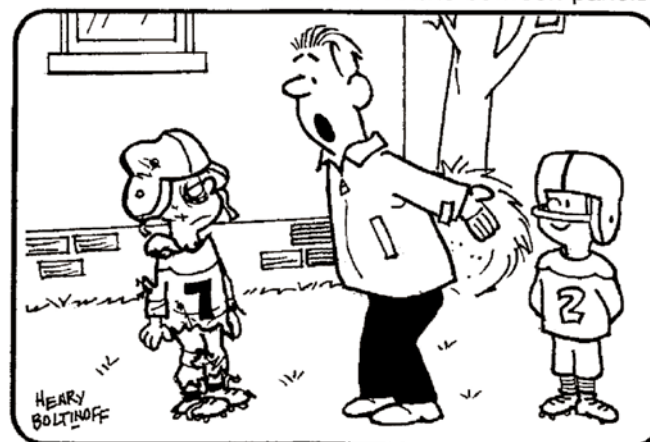
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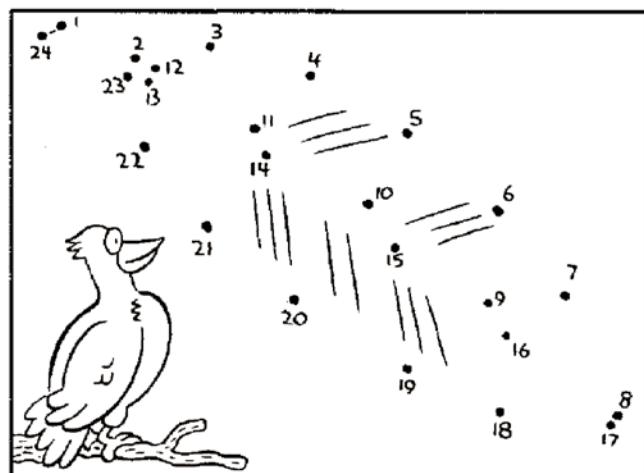
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's hair is different. 2. No. 7 on jersey is now black. 3. Window is shorter. 4. Man's right arm is hidden. 5. Socks are striped. 6. More bricks on house.

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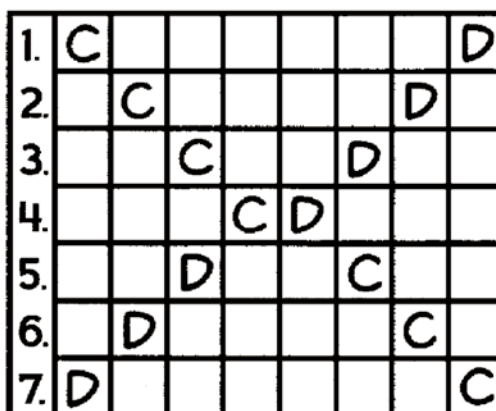
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"WHAT ALWAYS REMAINS DOWN, even when it flies up in the air?" Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: A feather (look up the word "down").

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

TODAY'S TOP SEVEN CD'S... WORDS, THAT IS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. What Michelangelo did.
2. Expression of approval.
3. Kept apart from.
4. Short, amusing story.
5. Used to secure doors.
6. Enough to meet needs.
7. A household servant.

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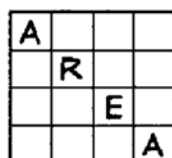
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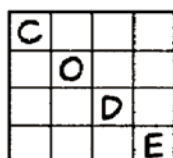


KNOW YOUR AREA CODE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

1. A unit of area.
2. The big dance.
3. A college student.
4. A flat-topped hill.



GRID A



GRID B

1. To be concerned.
2. To frolic boisterously.
3. Secret writing.
4. Conforming in every detail.

Answers: 1. Acre-care. 2. Prom-tomp. 3. Coed-code. 4. Mesa-same.

Answers: 1. Chiseled. 2. Accolade. 3. Secluded. 4. Anecdote. 5. Padlocks. 6. Adequacy. 7. Domestic.

How small businesses can prepare for a unique holiday season

When the famous ball dropped in Times Square on New Year's Eve and 2020 officially began, few people might have anticipated what awaited the world in the months ahead. By the end of March, a global pandemic had changed the way people across the globe lived their lives as governments scrambled to prevent a potentially deadly virus from spreading.

No aspect of life has been left untouched by the COVID-19 outbreak, including how people shop. Stay-at-home measures and government-mandated closures proved a formidable challenge for small business owners.

Another challenge awaits such businesses this holiday season, when consumers are expected to do much of their shopping online.

Many small businesses thrive on welcoming customers into their facilities. While no one can predict how long social distancing measures will remain in place, it's reasonable to assume that consumers may be hesitant to visit stores en masse this holiday season. But the spirit of the holiday season will still compel consumers to look for gifts for their loved ones. Small business owners looking to capitalize on the holiday

shopping season can try these strategies as they prepare for what promises to be a unique final month of 2020.

- **Start early.** Holiday promotions typically feature discounted items, and small business owners can hit the ground running by announcing sales well in advance of the holiday season. Consumers have adapted to lengthy delivery times during the outbreak, and retail analysts predict many will begin shopping earlier than ever before to account for potential delivery problems. By discounting items early, small business owners can put themselves in position to capitalize on early bird shoppers.

- **Keep sales going.** The Bureau of Economic Analysis noted that economic growth in the United States declined by 5 percent in the first quarter of

2020, and in June the Congressional Budget Office predicted that growth would ultimately decline by 38 percent. Such figures suggest that money will be tight this holiday season, and small business owners can expect to compete for every dollar. By starting sales early and keeping those sales going throughout the holiday season, small business owners can put themselves in the best position possible to capitalize on consumer spending, however limited that spending may be.

- **Apply past experiences.** Small businesses have had more than a few litmus tests to gauge consumer behavior during the outbreak. Easter marked the first major holiday to occur while stay-at-home restrictions were in place, and since then retail holidays like Mother's Day and Father's Day

have come and gone. Small business owners can examine consumer behavior during past retail holidays to inform their approaches to the coming holiday season. If consumers expressed a desire for gift packages that reduced their need to make multiple shopping trips, small business owners can design and promote gift baskets filled with an assortment of products available in their stores. Creativity figures to be a necessity to attract customers this holiday season, and past retail holidays can inspire a new approach.

Small businesses can confront the challenge of the coming holiday season by embracing a handful of strategies to attract consumers during what promises to be a season unlike any other in recent memory.



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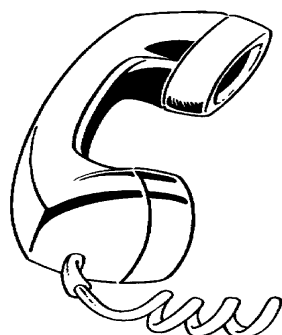
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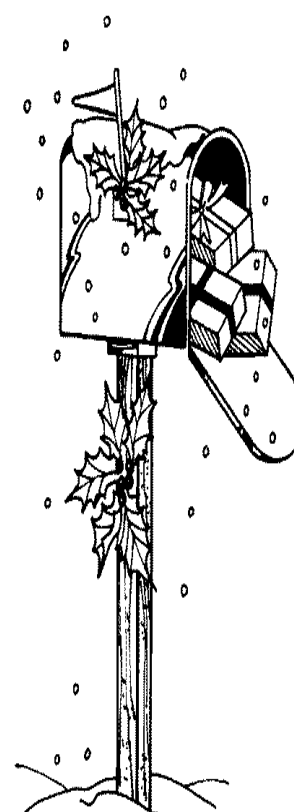
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by Lucie Winborne

• Tigers, jaguars and leopards love the smell of Calvin Klein's "Obsession For Men"! Photographers who used the fragrance to lure the big cats to their cameras in the wild said the cats "would start drooling, their eyes would half-close, almost like they were going into a trance."

• The human body

gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring a gallon of water to a boil.

• Between 1970 and 1973, four Israeli fighter pilots held as POWs in an Egyptian prison passed their time by translating J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" from English into Hebrew. The book was sent to them by their family members via the Red Cross. The pilots'

version was published commercially in 1977 and is still considered by many to be one of the best Hebrew translations available.

• Until 1953, New York City had a pneumatic tube mail network that spanned 27 miles and connected 23 post offices. At its peak, the system moved 95,000 letters a day at speeds of

30-35 mph.

• Halloween is more Irish than St. Patrick's Day.

• Ever wonder how the dice game Yahtzee got its curious moniker? A wealthy Canadian couple invented the game as a way of entertaining friends on board their yacht. After it proved a hit, the couple consulted a toy maker who loved

it, bought the rights, and changed the original name from the generic "Yacht game" to "Yahtzee."

• Homer Simpson's famous "D'oh!" is a real word in the Oxford English Dictionary, though in "The Simpsons" scripts, it's rendered merely as an "annoyed grunt."

• Barbie has been

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Thought for the Day: "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu

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