

Retirement plans include benefits

Social Security benefits factor into the retirement plan of almost every American worker. If you are covered under Social Security, you should know how much you might receive in future benefits. These monthly payments are likely to be an important part of your retirement income.

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Our Retirement page at www.ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan.

For example, have you considered:

- * When is the right time for you to start receiving your retirement benefits?

- * What documents you may need to provide Social Security for your retirement application?

- * Which factors may affect your retirement ben-

efits?

You can use your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits. You can also see the effects of starting your retirement benefits at different ages.

You may also be wondering about:

- * Benefits for a spouse or children.

- * How work affects your benefits.

- * If you will have to pay taxes on your benefits.

- * Medicare.

You can learn more at www.ssa.gov/retirement. Please share this information with your loved ones to help them prepare for their retirement.

Reading ability is foundational

Editor:

Melissa Byrd, our school board representative, has outdone herself for two weeks in a row.

Ms. Byrd claims that our education system has no idea how to teach children to read. Specifically, she states that they have not been able to "crack the code to successfully teach reading skills to kids for decades."

Reading is the foundation of our children's educational development. The curriculum after third grade is based on a student having achieved reading proficiency and without that capability, the student is at a significant disadvantage. With only 53% of students testing at reading level, is it wrong to assume that OCPS is promoting 47% of the students to fourth grade without the tools necessary to succeed? Per Ms. Byrd, this has been happening for decades but after 5 years in office, she is just noticing this is an issue?

Reading is not a new skill like coding software, it has been around since the beginning of civilization. Do we really need brain scans to determine that reading is based on speaking? (Phonemic Awareness) Studies are amazing at pointing out the obvious and then claiming it is a new discovery. Politicians like Ms. Byrd are great at using "science" as excuses for their failures. Will it be another 5 years before Ms. Byrd realizes that our kid's math skills are even lower, with only 48% proficient.

Does she need another scientific discovery

to see the issue? Would an "advocate for students" take that long to see this?

There are schools in Florida that know how to teach children to read. Over 200 Charter, Magnet, and some public schools in counties other than Orange have Reading proficiency scores at 80% or higher.

Over the years, what we have seen from Ms. Byrd's opinion column in the Apopka Chief, is that we need more equity (swimming pool for water polo), masks and remote learning for Covid, and that Charter schools are bad. Five years later, she figures out that we need to teach children to read.

Ms. Byrd's condescending tirade in her latest column really allows voters (and parents) to see what she thinks of them. She arrogantly states, "the demographics of our district would virtually guarantee my reelection, not because of any accomplishments or because I did a good job." Is she threatening the voters of District 7? Unlike Ms. Byrd, I believe the good people of District 7 will vote for their children and their futures.

Whether they have an R, D, or I after their name, our school board representative should not be the puppet of OCPS.

He or She should be the voice of every 3rd grade student that just wants to have the "foundation of life success" and be taught to read.

Tracey and James Grenkoski,
Apopka

Moore: Boards address concerns

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pollutants. Fertilizer Management Code Revisions were adopted by the BCC. The revised code includes a summer ban on applying nitrogen fertilizers from June 1 through September 30. This will decrease the impact of fertilizer to the county's surface waters and groundwater. The staff sampled water from 648 sites and field crews were deployed across the county in the wake of Hurricane Ian to collect samples. A team of scientists expanded an assessment of nitrates

in groundwater impacting Wekiwa springs and Wekiwa River. A Wekiva Education Campaign for fertilizer was implemented and evaluated for effectiveness. Studies indicate that nitrogen fertilizers are a major source of nitrates in the groundwater.

Finally, the Lake Management Program's mission is to manage 38 lake taxing districts and 14 advisory boards. They work to address local lake concerns such as aquatic plant management, water quality improvements, general lake maintenance,

navigation, and off-duty lake patrols. Best Management Practices or BMPs are used to operate the department. They treated 1,325 acres of exotic and invasive aquatic plants via herbicide, 34 lakes were stocked with grass carp, 1.2 million pounds of debris were prevented from entering lakes, 830 stormwater filtration devices were installed, and 5,138 miles of roads swept clean of debris.

The Environmental Protection Division represents a vast part of Orange County Government's responsibilities.

Hayden: Loving mother is basic

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ly. As far as dad goes, he may say he loves that newborn baby, but he does not. He may love the fact he is a father, but as far as "loving" the baby, which must be his choice, through interaction, he learns to love.

Learning to love our babies, much of the time, depends on our love for the mother. That is why you see so many men walking away from their responsibility as a father because they had an emotional, and physical encounter, but no "love" for the mother.

Thank GOD there are still men with integrity, who after recognizing their folly, will accept the responsibility of fatherhood. Sometimes it takes some-

thing of that magnitude to bring us to our senses and to remind us that every act we commit has circumstances, whether good, or bad, and we are destined to live with them. The bible says it this way, in Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

If we were going to describe what love is, we must go much deeper than our emotions and our desires and, as said before, it is a choice we make to an unconditional commitment for, or to something or someone. My dad taught us to love our mom and in return our mom taught us to love our dad, and I am so thankful the love they had for my sister and me

was unconditional because there were times that conditions I had gotten into would have wiped out any conditional love!

Who are you influencing today that will show your teaching of love in their lives? We need folks today who will take the responsibility of showing others what love is all about.

We need moms and dads to teach their kids what it is like to be loved, not just emotionally but unconditionally and fully in every situation.

We need people to love their neighbors and to show them that love is not out of a sense of reciprocity, but of a desire to see them prosper in showing others their love.

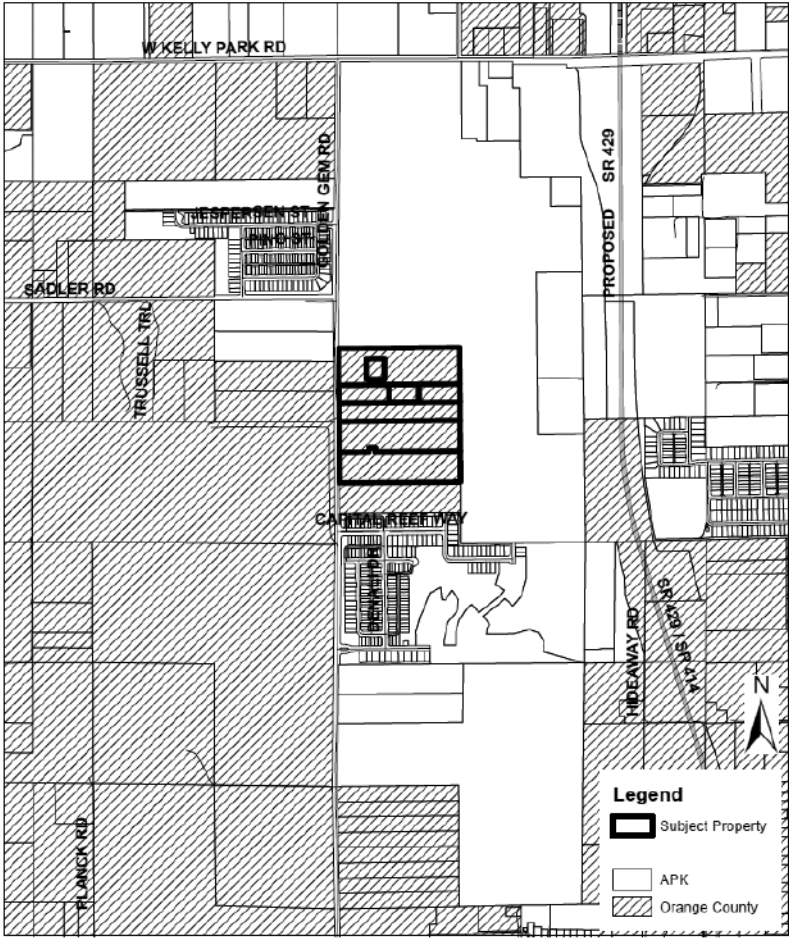
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **TARA TEDROW, ESQ.** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located on the southwest corner of Peterson Road and SR 429. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3012
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY BRENEDETTE HARDY-HOLT, SOLOMAN EARL HOLT, DANA L HOFFMAN, CAROL A HOFFMAN, JOYCE A HECK, AND FRANCOIS P BRENEY; LOCATED NORTH OF CAPITAL REEF WAY, EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD AND WEST OF SR 429, COMPRISING 44.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 13-20-27-0000-00-072, 13-20-27-0000-00-037, 13-20-27-0000-00-059, 13-20-27-0000-00-036, 13-20-27-0000-00-038, 13-20-27-0000-00-056, 13-20-27-0000-00-024
Contains: 44.73 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3012 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M and Wednesday, May 17, 2023 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Finance Dept407-703-1725
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Police Chief407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.).....407-703-1771
Job Line407-703-1743
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Street Maintenance407-703-1731
Utility Billing407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency.....911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. **www.apopka.net**

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services.....407-836-3111
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Building Dept.....407-836-8550
County Mayor407-836-7370
County Commission.....407-836-7350
County Attorney407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor.....407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue407-836-3111
Solid Waste407-836-6601
Garbage Collection.....407-703-1731
Health Dept.407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.407-836-6200
Property Appraiser.....407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative407-254-7000
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Utilities407-836-5515
All other departments407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency.....911
www.orangecountyfl.net

Other Area Numbers of Note

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Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10)202-225-2176
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Doug Bankson407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)unknown
State Senators
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045
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Pupil assignment407-317-3233
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Superintendent.....407-317-3200
School Board.....407-317-3200
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The Apopka Chief407-886-2777
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Chamber of Commerce.....407-886-1441

After sickness, great to be back as fishin’ in our area is pretty good



Jim Keck
Goin’ Fishin’

Hello Folks,

Well, it’s great to be back. My wife and I got the flu and it was kinda tough. Things are almost normal and it’s great to be able to write my article this week.

I have seen a lot of pictures of folks catchin’ lots of bluegills in most of the

lakes in our area. You can catch ‘em on red worms, but grass shrimp has been the ticket to catch those ole bigguns’. So, get you some red worms or go dip up some grass shrimp and go catch ‘em.

Kyle at Bitter’s Bait and Tackle reports that folks are catchin’ a few panfish in

Lake Monroe, Lake Jesup, and the St. Johns River. They are catchin’ plenty of bluegills in West Lake Toho and Lake Kissimmee on red worms and grass shrimp. If you want to catch a nice stringer of bluegills, now would be the time to go fishin’.

Kyle also reports that the bass fishin’ has been good to very good, and then some days it’s terrible. They are catchin’ plenty of keeper-size bass in the Butler Chain on a variety of baits. Use top-water baits early in the mornin’ and chatter baits fished over the submerged grass patches with plastic worms and slow-sinkin’ Senko-type baits. You have a variety of baits to use, so get out there

and catch some bass.

The bass fishin’ on the Kissimmee Chain has been good on most days. You can catch ‘em on wild shiners, slow-sinkin’ Senko-type baits. Also look for some runnin’ water from the afternoon rain showers flowin’ into the lakes. You should find some baitfish hangin’ out in those areas and the bass love to feed on ‘em.

On the Harris Chain, the bass fishin’ has been good most days, but you need to get on the water early and take advantage of first-light bite. Once that ol’ sun gets up, the bite seems to slow down just a bit.

Please make sure you stay hydrated durin’ the day. We are gettin’ ready

to enter those hot summer months and it’s gonna get hot, so be prepared for some hot days ahead.

Lake Okeechobee is on fire right now. This past weekend, there were five 30-pound bags caught durin’ the tournament. I don’t know about you, but if I had five fish that weighed over 30 pounds, I would feel like this thing is over. Well, that wasn’t the case this past weekend. It’s a little farther to go fishin’, but I would be tempted, wouldn’t you?

Well, y’all have a great week and I hope to see ya next week.

Tip of the week: Let’s go fishin’

Save a few and good luck!

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

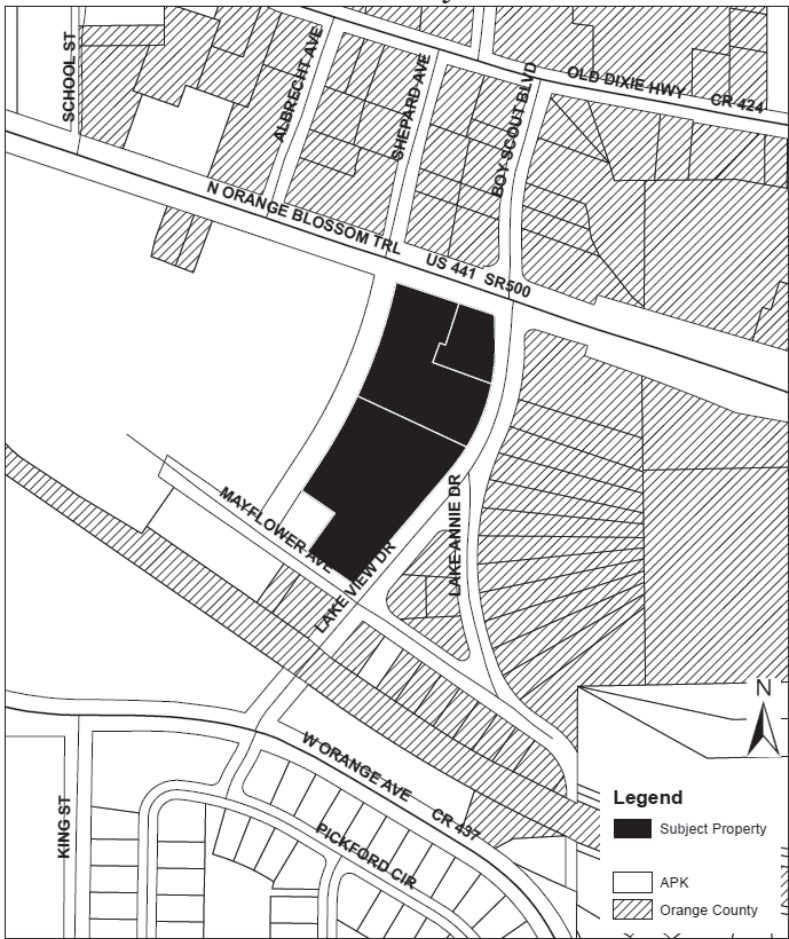
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **LOGAN OPSAHL, ESQ.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST CORNER OF U.S. 441 AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE, OWNED BY MID-FLORIDA FREEZER PROPERTIES, LLC COMPRISING 4.88 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM C-COR (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST CORNER OF U.S. 441 AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE, OWNED BY MID-FLORIDA FREEZER PROPERTIES, LLC COMPRISING 4.88 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 06-21-28-7180-07-010, 06-21-28-7180-07-031 and (portion of) 06-21-28-7180-07-100
Contains: 4.88 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3008 and 3009 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it.

Please send notification to **The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880.**

In the period from April 16-22, the Apopka Police Department received 1,813 calls for service, responded to 24 crashes, issued 88 citations, and made 24 arrests. Five juveniles were charged with burglary of unoccupied structure unarmed (X3); battery-touch or strike; resisting officer obstructing without violence (X2).

Emmanuel Agosto-Pizarro, 36, 1331 42nd St., Orlando, failure to appear-felony warrant; carrying concealed weapon-unlicensed electric weapon or device; fraud-impersonating false ID given to law enforcement officer.

Phebe Angela Banks, 52, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Kevin David Barrow, 25, 25246 McBrady Lane, Eustis, possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Tonya Lynn Bingle, 37, 1162 Whispering Winds Ct., Apopka, hit and run-failure to stop remain at crash involving injured other than serious bodily injury.

Cammon Ward Bog-

art, 38, confidential, Apopka, battery-commit felony battery (domestic violence); possession of controlled substance without prescription; obstructing justice-hinder witness commenting information to law enforcement officer/ judge life/proceeding (domestic violence).

Charles Ramon Booker, 29, 1411 S. Central Ave., Apopka, trespassing-occupied structure or conveyance.

Alex Gregory Brown, 24, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Philippe Fortunate Canell, 37, 720 NE 4th Ave. Apt. 602, Fort Lauderdale, possession of controlled substance without prescription (fentanyl); possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Vegil Ramon Carias-sarmiento, 44, confidential, Apopka, aggravated battery-person uses a deadly weapon.

Robert Samuel Clay, 27, 15300 W. Colonial Dr., Winter Garden, fraud-illegal use of credit cards used more than 2 times \$100 or more; swindle-obtain property under \$20,000.

Jessica Patrice Felton, 34, 1231 Lake Blue Circle, Apopka, burglary-unoccupied dwelling unarmed; swindle-obtain property under \$20,000; larceny-grand theft \$100,000.

Mario Garcia, 32, 2322 Dawn Wood Lane, Orlando, impersonating-false ID given to law enforcement officer; larceny-other theft.

James Colin Gibson,

28, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Terry Terrell Ivey, 24, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; resisting officer-obstruction without violence.

Keisha Jackson, 27, transient, Apopka, burglary-occupied dwelling unarmed; damage property-criminal mischief \$200 and under.

Jazminn Demaris Mason, 34, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Mykel Angel Miller, 32, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jerry Lee Pollard, 37, 5320 Cinderlane Parkway, Orlando, disturbing the peace-breach of the peace.

Tina Lynn Roberts, 58, 115 E. Citrus Street, Altamonte Springs, trespassing-failure to leave property upon order by owner.

Cortrell Tykeria Robinson, 33, 1960 S. Lake Pleasant Rd., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Josue Eduardo Aldegun Ruiz-Gomez, 27, 224 S. Atlas Dr., Apopka, burglary-occupied structure unarmed; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more.

Herman Sellers, 50, 4019 Billingsgate Road, Orlando, other agency warrant.

Brian Patrick Smith, 31, 3147 Winifred Ave., Zellwood, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol influence of alcohol or drugs.

Stepheni Marie Smith, 28, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; obstructing justice-hinder witness commenting information to law enforcement officer/judge felony 1st proceeding.

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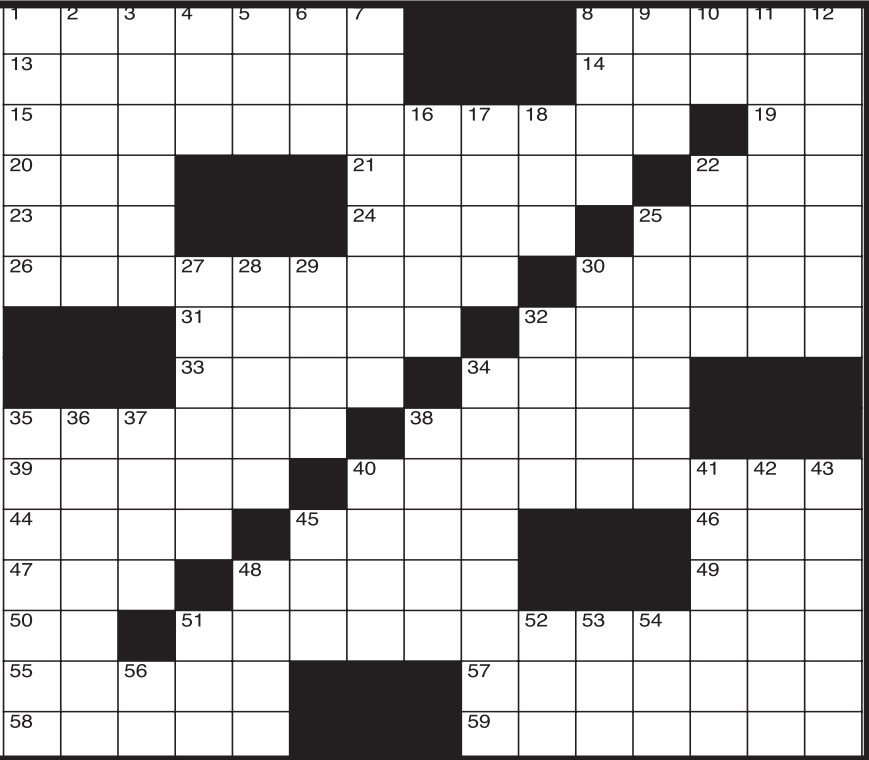
CLUES ACROSS

- Half-conscious states
- Unnatural
- Deep regret
- Rogue
- Taken without permission
- An alternative
- After B
- Partner to flowed
- Weekday
- Body part
- World's longest river
- One of the Greats
- Make clean
- C. Canada indigenous peoples
- Japanese seaport
- Most unclothed
- Small grouper fish

- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Distinguishing sound
- French realist painter
- Popular beer brand
- Views
- God depicted as a bull
- Relieve
- Residue after burning
- Habitation
- Poe's middle name
- Japanese title
- TV series installation (abbr.)
- Beloved country singer
- Single unit
- Genuine
- Develop
- Traveled through the snow

CLUES DOWN

- Clues
- Do again
- Current unit
- Neither
- Corporate exec (abbr.)
- Second sight
- The absence of mental stress
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Stop for good
- College dorm worker
- Bones
- Most supernatural
- Spanish island
- Unlimited
- Where golfers begin
- No charge
- Print errors
- Professional drivers
- Kiss box set
- Short, fine fibers
- Administers punishment
- Czech city
- Normal or sound powers of mind
- The academic world
- Crustacean
- Currency
- Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya
- Cloth spread over a coffin
- Grouped together
- On land
- Glistened
- A type of extension
- One who assists
- College sports conference
- Zero
- Midway between northeast and east
- Type of screen
- The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet



Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle found on page 1C of this newspaper.