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Today in History

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1915, vaudeville performer W.C. Fields made his movie debut as "Pool Sharks," a one-reel silent comedy, was released.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

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PCHS robotics attract notice, seed money

By **BROOKE J. WOOD**
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An emergent robotics program continues to take shape at Pulaski County High School, and now others beyond the county are beginning to take notice.

Two weeks ago, Gov. Terry McAuliffe visited a cyber security class at PCHS to watch students maneuver their robots through obstacles using computer code.

Last week, Roanoke Blacksburg Technology Council (RBTC) presented a \$500 check to the high school's robotics program that was provided by Pulaski's MOVA Technologies. RBTC Director Robert McAden called it "seed money" to help get the high school's robotics team going.

"As a graduate of Pulaski County Schools and a recent graduate of the University of Virginia, I understand the importance of innovation. In modern America, if you are not in-

novating and fostering new ideas and growth, you are moving backwards," says Tyler Clontz, public information officer for MOVA Technologies in downtown Pulaski.

McAden says RBTC's "footprint" has always included both the Roanoke and New River valleys: "We are recognized as the premier organization bringing the two regions together."

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BRINGIN' HOME THE BACON

Sunshine
 photography photos
 Mud was flying everywhere Saturday afternoon as all ages of competitors turned out at Thornspring Pastures for a pig-wrestling contest. Proceeds from the event benefit the Ricky Jones Memorial Scholarship and Pulaski County High School FFA (Future Farmers of America). For additional photos see Page B4.



Suspect nabbed in pawnshop burglary

By **MELINDA WILLIAMS**
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Authorities arrested a 26-year-old Pulaski man without incident Monday in connection with a burglary and firearms theft at Pulaski Pawn and Coin on West Main Street Sunday morning.



Bradley D. Hughes

Bradley Duane Hughes allegedly made away with "multiple" firearms from the business. He is charged with breaking and entering, grand larceny and possession of a firearm. see **SUSPECT** | page A2

More students means more teachers

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A new kindergarten teacher is being added to Pulaski Elementary later this month due to increased enrollment at the school.

"We were over the allowed state ratio with enrollment being more than it was there last year. It's a good problem to have," Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers says.

PES had 527 students last year but 551 have enrolled in the school since the 2016-17 school year began. That's good news see **STUDENTS** | page A2

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VDOT plans I-81 work

Nighttime lane closures are scheduled through Thursday evening between mile markers 105 and 103 on I-81 in Pulaski County for pavement rehabilitation, the Virginia Department of Transportation reports.

VDOT also plans to upgrade I-81 guardrails in Pulaski and Montgomery counties through Friday morning. Lane or shoulder closures will occur for this work between the hours of 8 p.m. through 12 p.m. through Friday morning.

NRCC offering First Aid/CPR course

New River Community College is offering a First Aid, CPR and AED course that will cover topics used to meet OSHA's requirements for the workplace.

The class is Friday, Sept. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in room 142 at NRCC's NRV Mall site in Christiansburg.

The course gives participants the knowledge, skills and abilities to recognize, treat and administer care in the event of an emergency until professional medical care arrives.

The course costs \$145. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/firstaid0917> by the Sept. 20 deadline.

Banks lead U.S. stocks modestly higher

Banks and other financial companies led U.S. stocks modestly higher Monday, nudging the stock market to another record high.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Dow Jones industrial average closed at new highs as the market extended its gains from last week.

Investors continued to bid up bank shares as interest rates rose. Banks benefit from higher rates, which can translate into higher profits from lending money.

The rise in bond yields also weighed on utilities, real estate companies and other bond proxies. Big retailers like Amazon.com were among the biggest decliners.

"This is really a day which is characterized

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ceny of firearms, property damage and wearing a mask to conceal his identity.

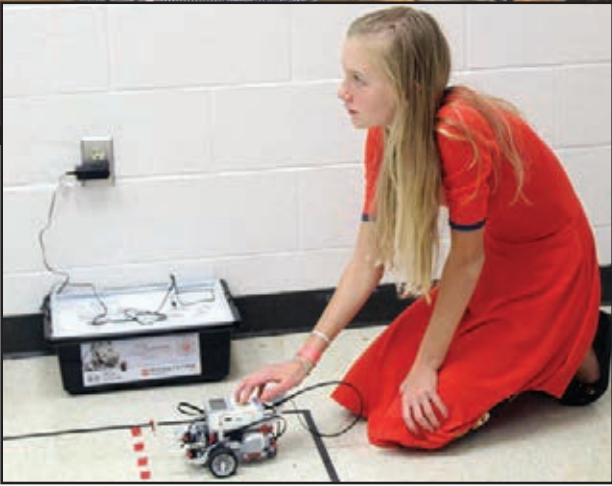
Police responded to an alarm at the pawnshop at 6:32 a.m. Sunday. The first units to arrive on the scene found a window of the business had been broken. Due to the size of the structure, the potential for suspects to still be inside, and the number of firearms available in the

business, officers called for back up to help clear the building, according to Officer Megan Jennings.

Pulaski Police Department SWAT, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Radford City Police Department, Virginia State Police and Roanoke City Police Department responded, but no one was found inside.



Brooke J. Wood/SWT
From left, Mark Hanks, director of PCHS's CTE program, accepts a check for the high school's robotics program from Robert McAden and Tyler Clontz



Brooke J. Wood/SWT
A PCHS cyber security student prepares to launch her robot through an obstacle course.

PCHS

He says RBTC's desire to cover the NRV isn't new but the organization is "being more intentional in reaching out to areas in both the New River and Roanoke valleys beyond the major metropolitan areas. We have recently hosted events in Pulaski, Salem, and Botetourt and plan to continue to look for ways to reach other areas within our footprint."

RBTC was founded in 1998 as the New Century Technology Council at the same time similar bodies were formed across the state. It was eventually renamed the Roanoke Blacksburg Tech-

nology Council.

"I hope this seed money will be the start of a great new program in Pulaski County schools," said Steve Critchfield, president of MOVA.

As Clontz explains, "Our company MOVA is centered on an innovative technology that would not exist if it weren't for the opportunities to learn and grow that have been given to many people. For this reason, we are glad to contribute and help create more opportunities for our future innovators by supporting the Robotics Club for Pulaski County schools."

Wythe County seeking recreation referees

WYTHE COUNTY — Wythe County Parks and Recreation Department is seeking referees for third through eighth grade youth basketball, with preference given to individuals with referee experience.

Referees receive \$15-\$20 per game, depending on experience, and travel is limited to Wythe

County.

Applications may be picked up at Wythe County Administrator's Office, 340 S. Sixth St., Wytheville, or downloaded from the county's official website, www.WytheCo.org. The deadline for applying is Nov. 1.

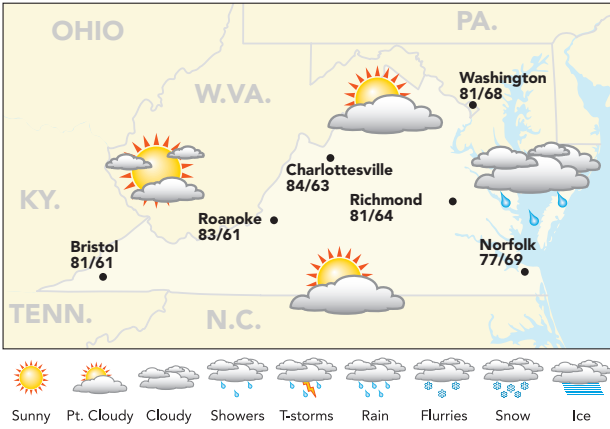
Prior to being hired, all officials must undergo a background check.

WEATHER

Today's weather

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Forecast for Tuesday, September 19, 2017



TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 80.	A slight chance of showers after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 20%.	Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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after watching the school system's enrollment decline annually by approximately 70 students for the past 10 years.

Pulaski County schools received \$180,000 for keeping class enrollment below 23, although Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requires an overall grade level average of 18 per class. If the 18 per class average is exceeded, the county isn't eligible for the

VDOE payment.

According to Siers, some classes at PES were at 23 but the school's average class ratio met VDOE requirements.

Siers says Sharon Hicks will start as the school's new kindergarten teacher later this month.

Eligibility for enrollment reduction monies varies from school to school, and is largely based on free and reduced lunch rates.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today

County IDA meeting

Pulaski County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) meets at 10 a.m. in the basement conference room of the County Administration Building in Pulaski. Contact Megan Bird, 980-7883, mwbird@pulaski-county.org. The IDA serves as the economic development arm of the county working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting

Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is meeting at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building. Contact Danny Wilson, 980-7710 or dwilson@pulaski-county.org. The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the zoning administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the county's Zoning Ordinance.

Preschool Story Time set

Preschool Story Time for children ages 2 to 5 is 10:30 a.m. at the Randolph Park gazebo. Stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft are featured.

Speedball Bingo at VFW

The VFW on Dora Highway in Pulaski will hold Speedball Bingo at 6:30

p.m. at the lodge. Doors open at 5.

Wednesday

Wee Story Time set

Wee Story Time for babies and toddlers ages two and younger, who are not quite ready for a sit-down story time, is held at 10 a.m. at Pulaski Library on Third Street in Pulaski. There will be 20 minutes of songs, rhymes, bounces and shorter stories, followed by playtime and opportunities for one-on-one reading.

Preschool Story Time set

Preschool Story Time for children ages 2 to 5 is 11 a.m. at Pulaski Library on Third Street in Pulaski. Younger and older siblings also are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Pulaski Democrats to meet

Pulaski Democrats will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the general district courtroom at Pulaski County Courthouse, 45 Third St. NW, Pulaski.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Bluegrass jam session set

A bluegrass jam session for players of all ages is 6 to 8 p.m. each Thursday. The event is at the Pulaski Senior Center, across the street from the Post Office. Join the jam by playing an instrument or singing, or just listen. Call John White at 440-0459 or John McElroy at 320-3688.

OBITUARIES

B. MAXINE LAMBERT

B. Maxine Lambert, age 95, of Schrader Hill Road in Pulaski, Va., passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 16, 2017 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Rich Creek, Va.

Born Sept. 6, 1922 in Elliott County, Ky., she was the daughter of Lewis and Essie Fraley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Lambert; son, Claude Waylan Lambert; sisters, Irene, Thelma, Tennie, and Dorothy, and son-in-law, A.J. Smith, Jr.

She is survived by her son, Lewis Delaine Lambert of Battle Creek, Mich.; daughters, Patricia Ann Smith of Pulaski, Va. and Virginia Ruth Rie-

del and husband, George Riedel of Philadelphia, Pa; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, before service time. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski, Va., with Stephen Jayne and Steve Marshall officiating.

A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Morehead, Ky.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski, Va., is handling the arrangements.

NRCC offering handgun safety course

New River Community College is offering a handgun safety course next week and another course in October.

The first course (#5667) is being held Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Thursday, Sept. 21, at NRCC in Dublin.

The October course (#5668) is at the NRV Mall site in Christiansburg Tuesday, Oct. 17, and Thursday, Oct. 19.

Class meetings take place 6-9 p.m. Range time is offered on the Saturday following class. The course costs \$60.

The six-hour classroom portion of the course, instructed by Joey Williams, is required. Range time is op-

tional.

The class is intended for individuals who are applying for a handgun permit through the courts, and covers topics such as the nomenclature of revolvers and/or semi-automatic handguns and safety issues related to handgun ownership. Participants learn how to care for, maintain and store their handguns.

To register for the course, visit www.nr.edu/workforce, Classes & Programs, Non Credit Course Offerings and then search for the class ID number.

Maria grows to a Cat 3, nears already battered Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hurricane Maria grew into a Category 3 storm on Monday as it barreled toward a potentially devastating collision with islands in the eastern Caribbean. Forecasters warned it was likely to grow even stronger.

The storm was on a path that would take it near many of the islands already wrecked by Hurricane Irma and then on toward Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Maria could hit Puerto Rico on Wednesday as a Category 3 or 4 hurricane, said Ernesto Morales with the U.S. National Weather Service in San Juan.

"This storm promises to be catastrophic for our island," he said. "All of

Puerto Rico will experience hurricane force winds."

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Maria had maximum sustained winds of 120 mph (195 kph) late Monday morning. It was centered about 95 miles (150 kilometers) east-southeast of Dominica — or 60 miles (95 kilometers) east of Martinique — and heading west-northwest at 10 mph (17 kph).

Hurricane warnings were posted for the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, Dominica, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, Martinique and St. Lucia. A tropical storm warning was issued for Antigua and Barbuda, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten and Anguilla.

Forecasters said hurricane conditions should begin to affect parts of the Leeward Islands by Monday afternoon or evening, with storm surge raising water levels by 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 meters) near the storm's center. The storm was predicted to bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain across the islands, with more in isolated areas.

Officials in Dominica closed schools and government offices on Monday and urged people to evacuate and seek shelters.

"We should not take this storm lightly," said Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit. "Let us continue to pray for our safety."

Officials in Guadeloupe said the French Caribbean island of would experience extremely heavy flooding starting Monday afternoon, and they warned that many communities would be submerged overnight.

On Wednesday, Maria was expected to be near or over Puerto Rico, which was spared the full brunt of Irma, although much of the island had its power knocked out. Nearly 70,000 people remain without power, and Gov. Ricardo Rossello on Monday warned of another widespread outage.

"We have an extremely weak infrastructure that has already been hit by one storm," he said. "This is going to be a catastrophic event."

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Election 49 days off, ballot set, fur flying

The only thing remaining is more campaigning from everyone running for offices at the local and state positions and the fate of a new consolidated middle schools for Pulaski County.

Those not registered to vote have until Oct. 16, the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 7 election, to get registered. An estimated 24,000 people are registered to vote this year in our county. That number should be higher.

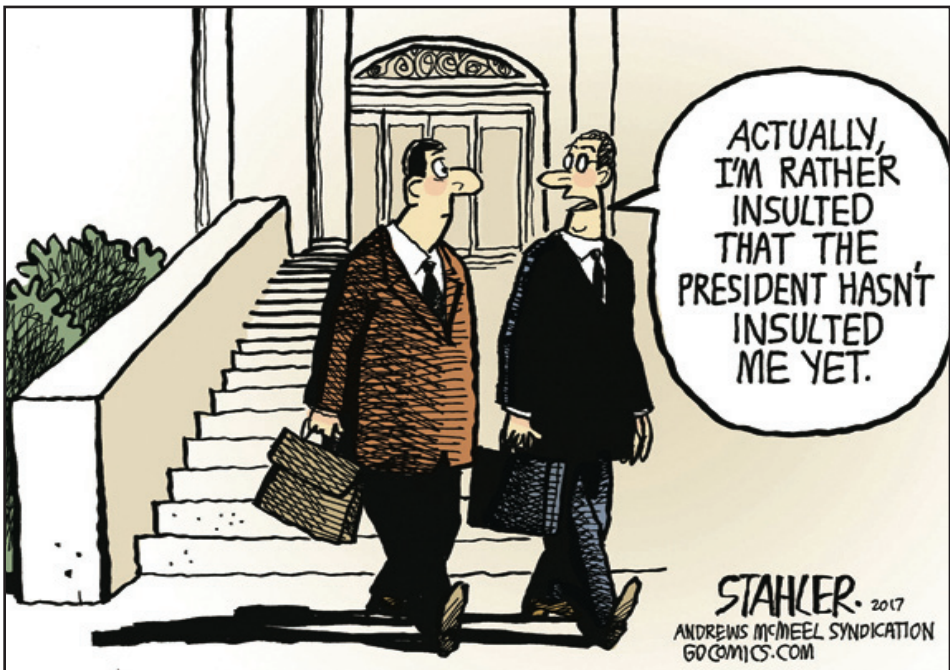
The four candidates for sheriff are all experienced law enforcement veterans. We have a Democrat, a Republican and two Independents. The race is on a fast track as signs are posted all over the county. Verbiage has been hot and heavy at times in print and on social media.

Historically, the sheriff's position has been handed down when a sheriff steps down before serving their full four years. This year's vote is a special election. The winner will take office as soon as votes are certified and serve until Dec. 30, 2019. Terms of all Constitutional officers - Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney and Treasurer's - see their terms end Dec. 31.

County residents will also be voting on funding for a new middle school and the borrowing of \$47 million to finance the project.

Also on the ballot are Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and candidates for the House of Delegates in the 7th and 12th Districts, in which Pulaski County is represented.

Watch, look and listen. It's 49 days away. Be sure to register and to vote.



Garbage in, garbage out

We're moving into a smaller house. We don't need these extra bedrooms. No one but the cat has slept in the spare rooms for years, yet they have to be aired out, vacuumed and cleaned. We have closets full of clothes we never wear, cupboards full of dishes we never use and a dining room we haven't eaten in since Clinton was president.

The attic is a complete unknown. If it was on a map, it would be labeled "Here be dragons." No one knows what's in the attic, except for whatever is rustling around up there at night. Could be a raccoon, could be a family of four. I don't want to know.

When we eat with friends, it's either at the kitchen table or at a restaurant. Let someone else clear the table and wash up afterwards. We use the living room, the bedroom, the kitchen and the porch -- the rest of the house is abandoned. Half the stuff in the garage has never been used, and the other half should be returned to its rightful owners. I've been meaning to get around to it -- for 40 years. I think some of them have passed on already. We could probably sneak most of this stuff into our neighbors' garages. They'd never notice, since they are as bad about hoarding stuff as we are.

So, we're packing up to move to a right-sized home. What we couldn't sell at garage sales or online, we gave away to our friends and neighbors. Anyone that visited us had to walk out the door with something. A jar of mayonnaise. A can of garbanzo beans. A lamp, a side table, a box spring. It didn't matter if they wanted it or not, we made them take something. They could slough it off on someone on their way home if they wanted, as long as it was out of our house.

But that was the easy part. The hard part has been getting rid of the stuff under the sinks.

Why do we have half a jar of silver polish? How old is that? I'm not sure we ever

owned any silver. Surely not enough to use half a jar of polish. Is it garbage now? Is it safe to throw it away? Half-full jars of cleaning products, floor wax, oven cleaner ... how do we get rid of it?

That's something we never used to ask when I was a kid. Rat poison? Throw it in the garbage. Drain cleaner? Whatever. Nuclear waste? Flush it down the toilet. As a city boy, I never asked myself where the drain went. Stuff just magically disappeared. Now, after years of living on a farm with a septic system, I know exactly where it goes. There is no magic involved; it stays pretty close to where you put it.

We have city friends who visit us, and when they find a spider in the bedroom, they'll kill it with a wad of Kleenex and flush it down the toilet three times to make sure it's gone. The next morning, we get to hear all about the new organic store where they now do all their shopping, how they separate their garbage into neat little stacks of newspapers and tin cans, how they bring their own shopping bags with them to the store. Does that organic food get delivered on organic trucks? Is the store where they shop made out of organic steel and organic sheet rock? Is it organically air-conditioned? Are the shopping carts compostable? Is the garbage truck that takes away their separated garbage made out of organic steel? Does it run on used pasta? I don't see how bringing your own shopping bag makes up for all that.

Just one time, take all your own garbage from one week down to the nearest landfill. See where most of it goes. Your first thought won't be that it smells funny, or that it's much bigger than you thought. Your first thought will be, "It's as if we're buying junk just so we'll have something to throw away."

What a waste.

Contact Jim Mullen at mullen.jim@gmail.com.



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The Village Idiot



Jim Davidson

A Column for the Times

Failure: Don't take it personal

Have you ever heard of a prolific author by the name of Joey Green? To be honest, I had never heard of him until my friend Coach Dale Brown sent me some excerpts from one of his books titled "Famous Failures."

With a little investigation, I learned that Joey Green was born in Miami, Fla., on May 26, 1958. He graduated with a BFA from Cornell University in 1980, where he founded the humor publication, The Cornell Lunatic, and had many literary honors. At this point in time, Joey Green has written more than 40 books, has been a guest on numerous television talk shows and has written numerous television commercials.

Coach Brown and I have a wonderful relationship because we have a common bond -- we both want to encourage others to be the best they can be. The book "Famous Failures" lists a plethora of well-known individuals in a wide variety of fields who were told by others that they would never make it, and later went on to become a household name because of their outstanding success. This brings me to a very important point. You and I have the final vote. No one, I repeat, no one, can tell us that we can't succeed but ourselves. Failure is just a normal part of life and, when we don't take it personally, we can get back up, dust ourselves off and get back in the game.

Most, or all, of the following names of people who achieved outstanding success will probably be well known to you, but maybe there is a story behind the story that will be both interesting and revealing. The most important thing in the life of each individual is that they did not quit when another person in authority sold them short.

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team, but was later named the greatest athlete of the 20th Century by ESPN. Marilyn Monroe was dropped in 1947 by 20th Century Fox after one year under contract because production Chief Darryl Zanuck thought she was unattractive.

The famous children's author Dr. Seuss's first book was rejected by 27 publishers, and Seuss considered burning the manuscript. The book that was eventually published sold six million copies. Barbara Streisand's Broadway debut opened and closed on the same night. Humphrey Bogart was fired from a job reading radio playlets for laxatives. He then earned a living playing chess for 50 cents a round.

Walt Disney's first cartoon production company went bankrupt. The Beatles were rejected in 1962 by Decca, Pye, Phillips, Columbia and HMV labels. And here is a shocker, Elvis Presley's music teacher at L.C. Humes High School in Memphis gave him a "C" and told him he couldn't sing.

In Joey Green's book "Famous Failures," the list is almost endless, but without the specifics here are other well-known names of individuals who failed one or more times before they achieved great notoriety: Lucille Ball, John F. Kennedy, Dustin Hoffman, Steve McQueen, Mick Jagger, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Albert Einstein, Wilma Rudolph, R.H. Macy, Henry Ford, Randy Travis, Rudyard Kipling and best-selling author John Grisham, whose first novel was rejected by 16 agents and a dozen publishers.

What this says to me is these people had more than talent and ability. They also had true grit and determination. A final question: Are you as successful as you would like to be?

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The Southwest Times QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: In the wake of recent extreme hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, do you believe human activities contribute to the change in climates?



- A. Yes, of course.
- B. No way!
- C. Somewhat I guess.

Last week's poll results:

Q. Monday was the 16h anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2011 attacks on the United States. What are you feelings on that event today?

- A. I think a terrorist attack is as possible today as it was then. 56%
- B. I think America is safer today than it was then. 34%
- C. I think American needs to do more to keep citizens safe. 10%

PC Sports
This week

Tuesday, Sept. 19
4:30 PMS Volleyball at Blacksburg
5:30 JV Volleyball at Patrick Henry
7:00 Volleyball at Patrick Henry

Wednesday, Sept. 20
3:45 Cross Country vs Galax
4:00 Cougar Golf at Thorn Spring
4:30 DMS Volleyball at Scott Memorial
6:30 Comp. Cheer at Jefferson Forest

Thursday, Sept. 21
4:30 PMS Volleyball vs Narrows
5:30 JV Volleyball vs Hidden Valley
6:00 JV Cougar Football at Cave Spring
7:00 Volleyball vs Hidden Valley

Friday, Sept. 22
7:00 Cougar Football vs Cave Spring

Saturday, Sept. 23
10:00 Cross Country at Randolph Park
12:00 Cougar Cheer Classic @ PCHS

Game Stats

Team
First Downs
PC – 19
CC – 5

Rushing
PC – 42 att/225 yards
CC – 23 att/4 yards

Passing
PC – 10 of 12/1 INT/231 yards
CC – 4 of 12/3 INT/100 yards

Total Yards
PC – 456 yards
CC – 104 yards

Fumbles/Lost
PC – 2/1
CC – 2/0

Penalties
PC – 7/64 yards
CC – 2/14 yards

Punting
PC – 0/0 avg.
CC – 6/33.3 avg.

Return Yards
PC – 170
CC – 54 yards

Individual Stats
Rushing
PC – J. Eaves 12/56, Mannon 5/43, J. Finley 6/34, Thornton 7/28, Riddle 4/29, Nowlin 4/21, K. Akers 1/8, K. Dalton 2/4, J. Jackson 1/2
CC – C. Horton 2/13, McMillian 2/3, Smith 1/-3, Rotenizer 5/-6, Trudell 13/-8

Passing
PC – Akers 10 of 12/ INT/231 yards
CC – Rotenizer 4 of 12/3 INT/100

Receiving
PC – Horton 4/140, K. Dalton 3/44, Bradley 1/25, ODeIl 1/12, Clark 1/9
CC – Smith 1/50, D. Dalton 2/35, McMillian 1/15

Interceptions
PC – Mannon, K. Dalton, A. Akers
CC – Snow

Fumble Recoveries
PC – none
CC – Snow



Dave Gravely/SWT

Cougar running back Jaceri Eaves goes airborne to gain yards Friday against Carroll County.

Cougars shine against Cavaliers

By DAVID GRAVELY
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HILLSVILLE - Pulaski County still made a few mistakes, but they were few and far between as the Cougar football team rolled over the Carroll County Cavaliers Friday 49-6 in Hillsville.

“It’s always great when you get some of your younger kids in the game,” head coach Stephen James said afterwards. “We’re happy with the win and we’re happy we came out of the game healthy. I told the kids to enjoy things tonight, but tomorrow we start getting ready for our next game. Our focus needs to be on Cave Spring.”

The Cougars kicked off but quickly forced a punt. Three plays later quarterback Kade Akers hit E.J. Horton across the middle for a 20 yard touchdown. A two-point conversion pass from Akers to Noah Bradley was good, putting Pulaski County up 8-0 with 9:51 still on the clock.

Carroll County went back to work on offense, but on their first play Gage Mannon went up for the ball over the Cavalier receiver and picked it off. Akers led the Cougars downfield quickly. There was 8:05 on the clock he hit Horton, again, this time on a 26 yard strike for

six. Ryan Castle hit the PAT to move the score to 15-0.

The Cavaliers took the kick-off and strung together two first downs before being forced to punt again. The Cougars went back to work, moving the ball down the field with a combination of air and ground attacks. Akers hit Horton for 32 yards and Noah O’Dell for 12 more. On third down and short he found Kellen Dalton in the corner of the end zone for a score. The clock showed 11:52 when the PAT by Castle moved the score to 22-0.

Carroll County got on the board with 7:40 remaining in the half. A pass was deflected by a Cougar defender, but the Carroll County found a way to haul it in and went 50 yards for the score. The PAT was no good, leaving the Cougars up 22-6.

That was the closest Carroll County came to the Cougars. Akers hit Horton at the 5:47 mark for a third touchdown between the two, this time for 63 yards. The PAT was blocked, but Pulaski County wasn’t finished.

Jaceri Eaves carried the ball in from four yards out at the 2:22 mark. The Cougars led 35-6 after a good PAT by Castle.

Coach James and his staff

did the right thing, and after an initial first series in the second half they started to clear the bench. This valuable playing time is key to building depth for the team.

Alex Akers intercepted a Cavalier pass in the first Cavalier offensive series. With 10:50 remaining in the half, Gage Mannon took the handoff and ran 25 yards for the score. As time was running out in the third, Jakari Finley plowed into the end zone from three yards out. Castle was good on the PAT each time, giving the Cougars a 49-6 lead.

Nine different Cougars carried the ball Friday and five different Cougars caught passes. Akers, Dalton and James Jackson all saw time at quarterback. Mostly junior varsity players took care of business in the final minutes, but the ball continued to move down the field and the Cavalier starters were still held in check by the Cougar defenders.

The score could have been higher. Kellen Dalton intercepted a pass and raced 90 yards for a score, but it was called back for what the officials thought was a block in the back. It was later shown to be a clean block.

“I’m happy with the win tonight, but we can’t be satisfied,”

James said. “We’re going to have to get get much better as the season goes on. The quality of our opponents is going to get much better as we go along. Tonight was a good learning experience for us, but we have to be better.”

Kade Akers has established himself as a quality quarterback and is on a pace to set several records by season end. Through four games he has completed 47 of 76 pass attempts with five interceptions for 847 yards. That’s only 227 yards shy of the all-time record for yards in a season, a feat currently held by Bryant Grubb for his 2015 performance of 1,074 yards.

The single game passing yardage record of 266 yards, also held by Grubb, has been threatened twice. Akers has tied the record of 14 completions in a game with Randy Meredith from 1985. Friday he also tied the record held by Terry Finley from 1982 for most touchdown passes in a game with four. The record for most touchdown passes in a season, currently held by Chad Perry with 10 from 2010, will likely fall as well.

The Cougars will be back in action Friday night when they host the Cave Spring Knights. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m.

Cougar sports are moving in the right direction

I heard a fan talking at the football game Friday in Hillsville, and for a moment I thought I was hearing two Carroll County fans talk.

“This year is a write off,” the first fan said. “We just need to get through this season so we can make some real noise next season.”

Apparently this particular fan, who was talking within hearing distance of the Cougar players standing on the sideline, has made his educated decision that this football team “isn’t good enough” to make any real difference in the River Ridge District and Class 4, Region D play.

According to these bleacher experts, the Cougars may as well go ahead and “write this season off as a learning experi-



David Gravely
SWT Sports Editor

View from the sidelines

ence.”

I remember some of those same things being said about other teams throughout the history of Cougar football. Nobody thought a freshman kicker and a sophomore quarterback could get things done against some of the biggest and best teams in the state, but it happened. That team brought home the only football state championship we currently own.

There is still excitement in the air around Pulaski County athletics. If someone tells you otherwise, they are not looking at the big picture.

Cougar head coach Stephen James has been slowly and quietly building the program back to where it needs to be. It can’t be done over night.

It all starts with getting the kids to buy into the program. They are, and the movement is starting at the lowest levels of the Pulaski County Recreation League. The rec league coaches and teams are doing what the Cougars do.

James and his staff have offered advice and assistance to these rec league teams, and many of them are taking it.

The combined County Middle School football team is also under the direction of many of the same coaches who walk the sidelines on Friday night.

They’re teaching the younger players the correct fundamen-

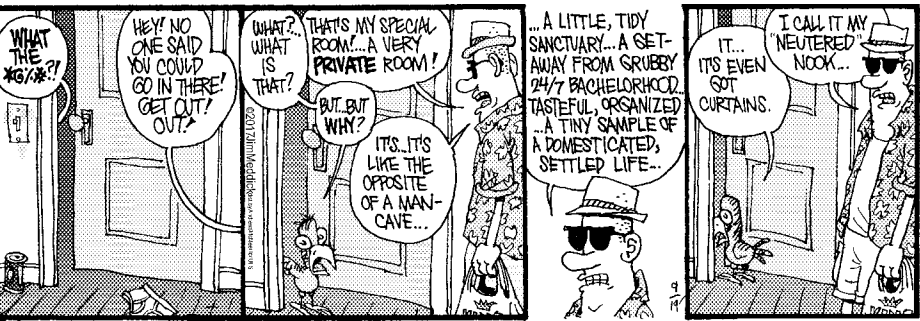
tals at the middle school level instead starting with a blank slate when they become freshmen.

All of these plans are working together to better prepare our Pulaski County athletes for what they will face when putting on that gold helmet for the first time.

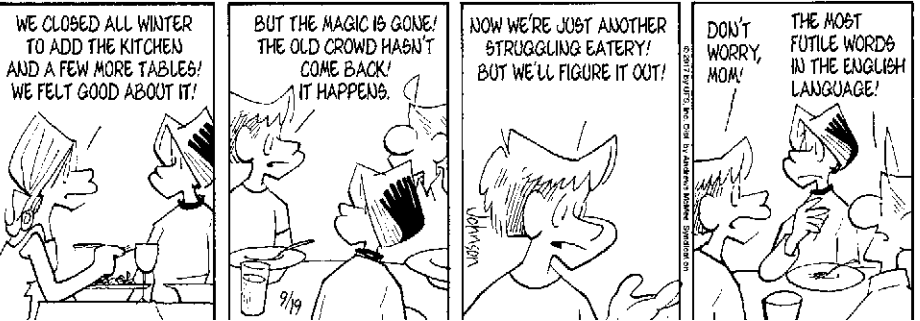
Are there depth issues for our varsity Cougars this season? Obviously the answer is yes. You can coach a kid on a proper stance and how to line up. You cannot, unfortunately, coach a kid to be 6’4”, 275 pounds.

I’m sticking with the Cougars, even if they are having to try some new things this year. The effort I’m seeing from young men like Alex Akers, Ben Arnett, Matt Click and Mason Clark demands it.

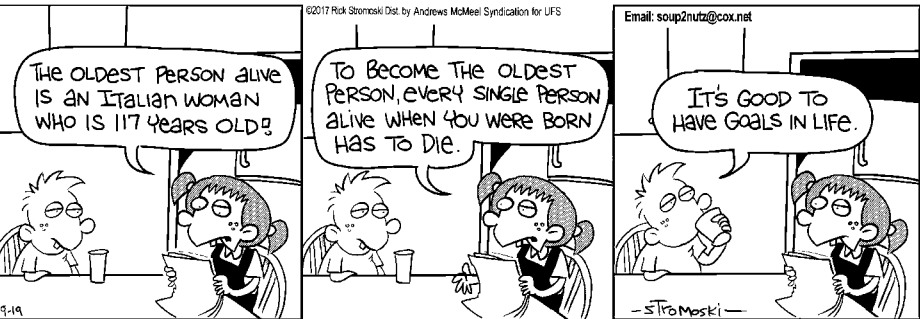
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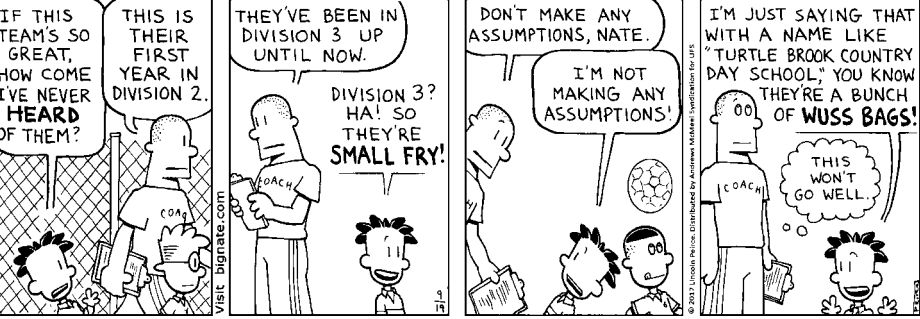
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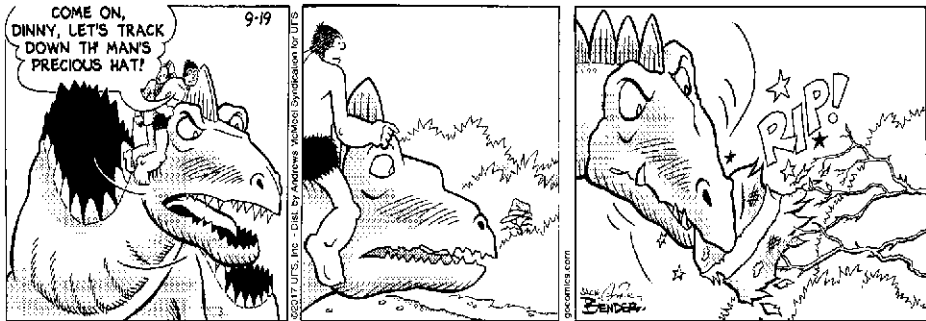
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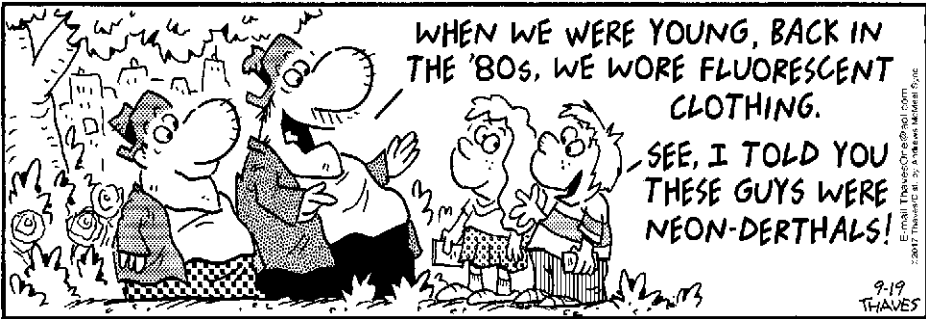
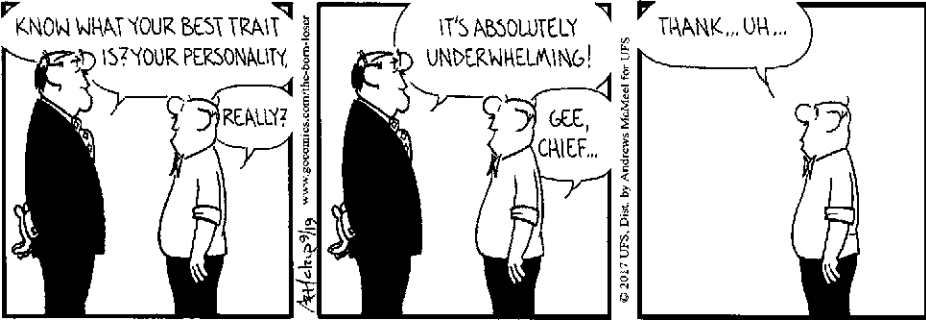
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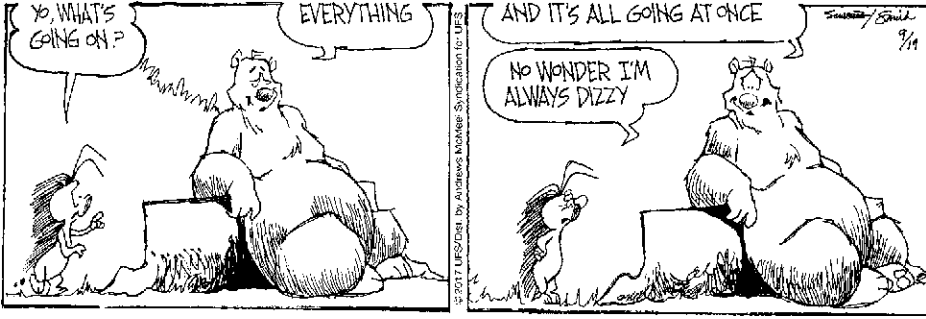
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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2017											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(6:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball 'Teams TBA' (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	Undercover	Real Time	(5:40) "Aliens" ('86)	Dice (HD)
8 :30	The Middle	NCIS "Rendezvous"	Lethal Weapon (HD)	America's Got Talent "Live Show Finale" (HD)		Big Bang	Chrisley	Undercover	Tonight		Episodes
9 PM :30	black-ish	Bull Drug trafficking.	The Mick			Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	"Descendants 2" ('17) Life in Auradon. (HD)	★ ★ ★ "Hitchhiker's Guide Galaxy"	Ray Donovan (HD)	
10 PM :30	Somewhere Between	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local Info.	(11) Will & Grace	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Chrisley	Liv Maddie	(5:50) Vice Principals	(3:5) "Next Friday" ('00, Comedy)	Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Local (3:5) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (3:5) Late Show (HD)		(3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	According	Undercover	The Deuce (HD)	(1:5) "2 Fast 2 Furious" ('03) Street racing.	Football
12 AM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Bizaard			Football
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PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Big lug

4 Emulated the phoenix

8 Yikes! (hyph.)

12 Molecular biology topic

13 Luau instruments

14 Dud, to NASA (hyph.)

15 Enrages

17 Bring to bay

18 Moth- —

19 Had surf 'n' turf

20 Deli bread

22 So long!

23 Calf-length

26 Chimney pipe

28 "— Sera, Sera"

31 Ms. Falco

32 Gift-tag word

33 And, in Berlin

34 Great many

35 Capp and Jolson

DOWN

1 Fat cat's victim

2 Governess in Siam

3 Sure thing

4 Sunnyside up, i.e.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

QUIZ RACE MLB

URSA EBON EAR

ADAPT ABLE RTE

YUK RCA RAVED

BET MGR

X RAYS LAYERS

ISOT MEA IOU

LOM YAM WOOF

ASCEND LOTTO

ALA MOE

WILDE CAL SOW

AGO CHALLENGE

VON TUFT ROLL

ERE SHEA AWED

5 Rubber-stamps

6 Get the point

7 Curvy road shape

8 Deal with a knot

9 Fearsome cape

10 Curved molding

11 Weeded

16 Like a wolf's howl

19 Tint

21 Blot out

22 Pops

23 Netting

24 Hunch

25 Gauge

27 "Whatever — Wants"

28 Je ne sais —

29 Volt or watt

30 Ferber or Millay

36 Charley horse

38 "Keep it down!"

40 Hardware item

42 Highways

43 Licks, say

44 Troop

45 Trillion, in combos

47 Dr.'s visit

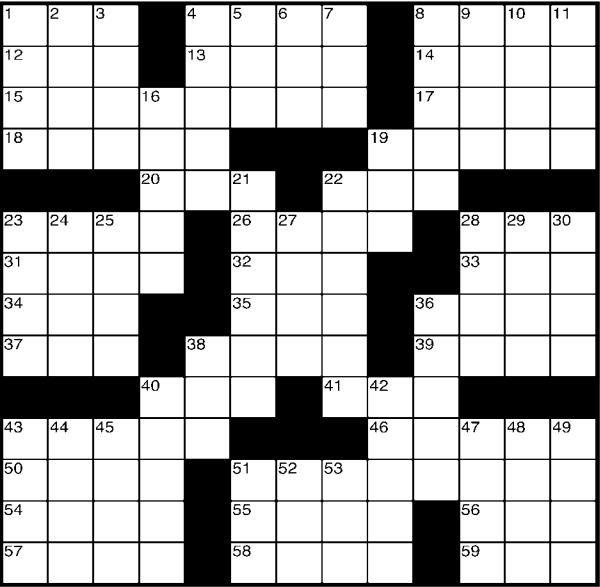
48 Cow group

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51 Ref's kin

52 Paleo opp.

53 Impractical



Different approaches to religion are likely to drive couple apart

DEAR ABBY: For the first time in my life, I am in love. We met about a month ago. I know he's the man I have waited my entire life to meet. I am 33, so I know what I feel isn't just lust. We have one huge hurdle, though: religion. He's actively religious, while I am not, and he doesn't believe our relationship can survive this difference.



Abigail Van Buren
Dear Abby

On every other level, we are wonderful. We want the same things in life and share similar values. Our difference isn't that I don't believe in God. I do. But that isn't enough for him.

I told him I would go to church with him, and raise our children (his and mine) in a Christian home, but when they are old enough we should allow them to make their own decisions. He says that would be "just going through the motions" and I'd eventually resent him for it.

Must I let him walk away? Or should I fight for what could be (next to my kids) the best thing that's ever happened to me? -- HEARTBROKEN IN TEXAS

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: In what way do you plan to "fight"? Do you plan to convert to his religion and devote the kind of time to it that he does? Think carefully about what that would mean.

While his fervent religiosity is laudable, what this man doesn't realize is that regardless of the example he wants to set for his children, eventually they are going to make up their own minds and live their lives the way they wish.

This "one difference" is a deal-breaker. He is looking for a spiritual clone. You're not it, so let him go.

DEAR ABBY: The company I work for recently switched to digital phones that show the

caller's name and location on a screen no matter where they are in the building. Years ago, I formed the habit of introducing myself when placing a call: "Hi, this is Sally from marketing. How are you, Trent? Great! I'm calling because ..." I have been informed that what I'm doing is old-fashioned, unnecessary and a waste of everyone's time.

The preferred method would be to launch into the heart of the conversation with no introduction, just "Hi. I need instructions for the new projectors," because the person already knows who is calling. To me, this feels rude, especially when talking with someone I see rarely.

I can't help but wonder what the long-term office climate will be like if everyone is so terse. On the other hand, many of my younger co-workers would prefer not to talk at all and conduct business by email or text. ANY conversation feels excessive to them, and they are humoring me by answering the phone.

Where is the middle ground here? How can I maintain what feels like basic good manners and human interaction without annoying my colleagues? -- POLITE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR POLITE: There are certain niceties that make interactions with others more pleasant. While you may no longer have to announce that you are "Sally from marketing," it is polite to inquire how the person is doing or how the day is going. It's a pleasant conversation-starter and a transition into the business you will conduct. Because you are getting flak for it, go to your employer or H.R. for guidance in navigating the new system.

ASTRO-GRAPH

Wednesday
September 20, 2017

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Self-awareness, preparation and development will help you move closer to your goal. A unique approach will cause others to take note of you. Personal, physical and financial gains are highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Emotional matters will leave you feeling exhausted. Don't start something you cannot finish. Look for refuge with someone you view as reliable and trustworthy. Walk away from temptation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Ask and you shall receive. What you have to offer is more valued than you realize. Stand tall and be proud of your actions and creations. Romance is highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Before you move on to more enjoyable tasks, be sure to take care of your responsibilities. Being dependable will help you avoid complaints that could lead to an unnecessary argument.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Tidy up loose ends. Avoid anyone pushing a risky venture. Go it alone if you want to control how your money is spent. Joint ventures look dicey.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A money deal will bring you good returns. Invest more time in yourself and your talents. Greater

interest will be shown if you market what you have to offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put your best foot forward and share your thoughts. You'll encounter someone who is on the same page as you and has something special to offer. Romance is on the rise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Emotions will surface when dealing with partnership issues. Stay calm, since getting all worked up won't make matters better. Listen to complaints and do your best to adjust.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Interaction should be your intent. Sharing your thoughts and ideas with like-minded people will encourage you to not only talk about your ideas, but also to make them come to life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your dual personality will cause uncertainty and make you appear inconsistent when it comes time to make a decision. Listen to whatever advice is offered, but in the end, do what's best for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Make a physical change that will lift your spirits and give you greater incentive to get out and enjoy life. A proposal should be seriously considered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — An opportunity to do something you enjoy and earn a living is within reach. Refuse to let someone stifle your plans with negativity or by burdening you with matters that aren't your responsibility.

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Pulaski County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$136,734.00, dated June 3, 2015 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Pulaski County, Virginia, in Document No. 150001557, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court Building, located at 45 Third Street, Pulaski, on October 13, 2017 at 11:00 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 13, Section 1, Rolling Hills, with improvements thereon.

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SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee
This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (557775) 5040 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 120 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462 757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 118 Howard Street Pulaski, VA 24301 In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$56,435.00, dated January 26, 2004, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Pulaski County on February 6, 2004, as Instrument Number 040000696, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, 45 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA on October 24, 2017 at 2:00 PM, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: LOT THIRTEEN (13) IN SECTION EIGHTY-THREE (83) AS SHOWN ON THE MAP REFERRED TO AS THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, SAID LOT FRONTING 50 FEET ON HOWARD STREET AND EXTENDING BACK 140 FEET ALONG AN ALLEY. Tax ID: 080 003 0083 0013. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$5,600.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a

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