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BRAVES NEW WORLD

BRAVES MOVE ACROSS STATE, OPEN NEW SPRING TRAINING FACILITY

By Matt Grilli

First, the Braves moved north to Cobb County and opened a brand-new major league facility. With it came an entertainment district surrounding the ballpark, a bustling scene full of restaurants, bars, shops and theatres. Now, the team has moved again, but this time across state, and this time for Spring Training.

The Braves have spent 97 of the last 104 seasons training in Florida, including in each of the last 74 years. That lengthy run using Florida as its second home has only been matched by the three other clubs – the Cardinals, Phillies and Tigers. And for the previous 22 years, the Braves were training at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista.

Enter CoolToday Park. A $125 million state-of-the-art complex located in West Villages Florida, in the City of North Port, in Sarasota County, and in the heart of the Grapefruit League. The Braves, actually, opened the 6,200-seat stadium last year, playing their final spring game of 2019 in North Port, before moving in full-time this season.

The complex, featuring 90 acres of seven baseball fields, 11 batting cages and 63 pitching mounds, will allow all players in the organization to train at the first-class facility year-round. When the season gets underway, and the Braves relocate to Atlanta, the High-A Florida Fire Frogs in the Florida State League will use the stadium to play their games.

To further maximize player development, the Braves built 'Braves Academy,' a two-story, 45,000-square-foot building adjacent to the stadium. The academy is full of classrooms, conference rooms, recreation rooms, dormitory-style guest rooms, lounges and auditoriums. The Braves will use this to help young players – often those that are just breaking into professional baseball – get acclimated to the organization.

"It's the epicenter of our development of the player," said Mike Dunn, the Braves' vice president of Florida operations, in a recent interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "We'll be able to take the player and not only structure the development on the field, but really enhance the off-the-field environment."

As for Braves fans making the eight-hour trip down from Atlanta or locals wanting to catch a game, there is a plethora of activity to enjoy. Driving into the stadium on the newly-named Hank Aaron Way, fans will be greeted by all the franchise's retired numbers. Once inside, they can enjoy the game action through a luxury suite, the high-rise Truist Pavilion outfield seats, or the Coca-Cola Corner, a grassy berm in left field.

For those wanting to take in some delicious eats or drinks, they can check out the Tomahawk Tiki Bar – and not just during Braves games. The restaurant and bar featuring an assortment of food and beverages is open seven days a week, throughout lunch and dinner.

While the complex will provide Braves players the chance to reach their full potential, and eventually help Atlanta win their next World Series, the stadium sparks a growing community.

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"Obviously the biggest thing is it's put North Port on the map," said Bill Gunnin, executive director of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce. "Whether it's visitors, tourism, people looking to do business here or move here, it's put North Port on the map."

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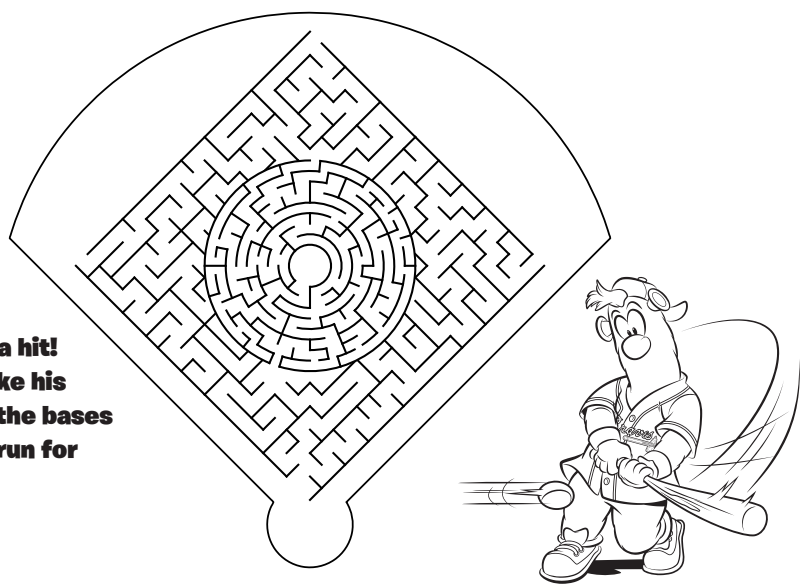

Blooper got a hit! Help him make his way around the bases and score a run for the Braves!

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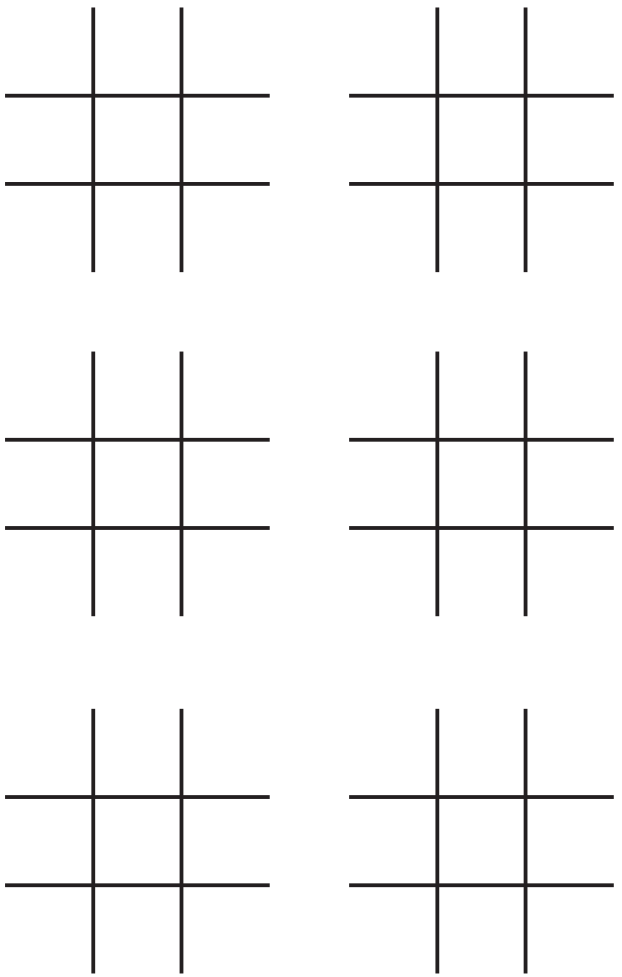

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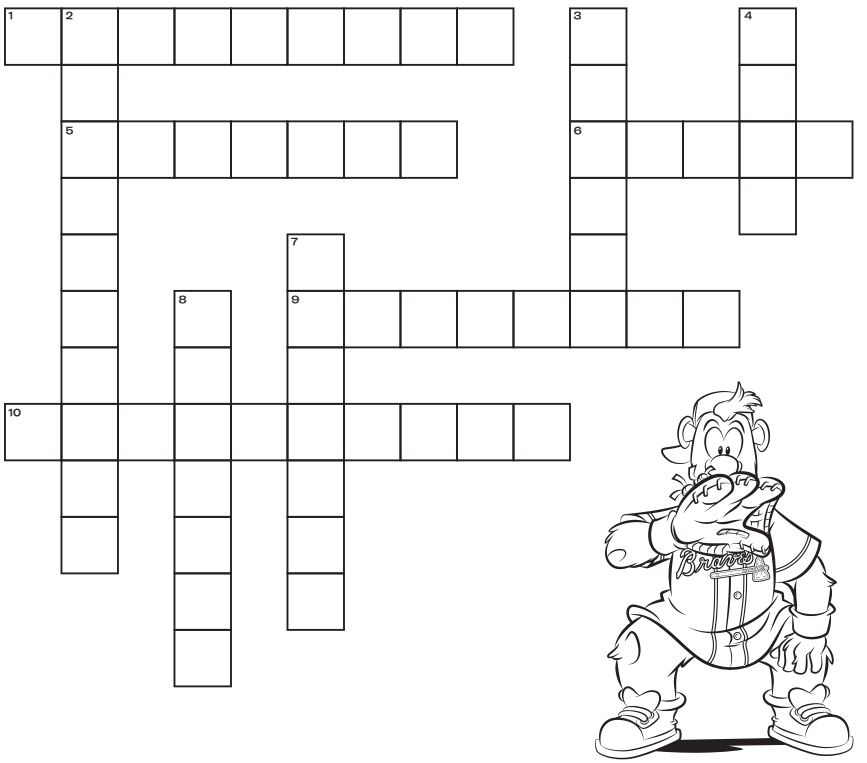

ACROSS

1. Infielder who plays between second and third base

5. Division that the Braves play in

6. A high fly ball that doesn't leave the infield

9. Area of the playing surface beyond the bases and dirt

10. A home run hit with the bases loaded

DOWN

2. Braves player who broke Babe Ruth's home run record

3. What baseball calls a referee

4. Ball hit outside the lines extending from home plate

7. Popular ballpark snack eaten on a bun

8. Another name for the head coach

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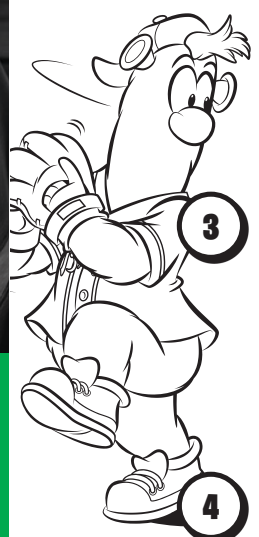

1. Ronald Acuña Jr. is at bat. The count is **2 balls** and **2 strikes**, and Acuña has fouled off **3 pitches**. How many pitches has he faced in this at bat?

ANSWER _____

2. Freddie Freeman hits a Home Run **408 feet**. The distance from home plate to the outfield wall is **375 feet**. How far beyond the wall did Freddie's home run land?

ANSWER _____

3. Mike Soroka throws a Fastball at **93 MPH**, and a Changeup at **81 MPH**. How much faster is Soroka's Fastball than his Changeup?

ANSWER _____

4. The Braves have **15 wins** and **8 losses** in the month of August. How many total games have they played that month?

ANSWER _____

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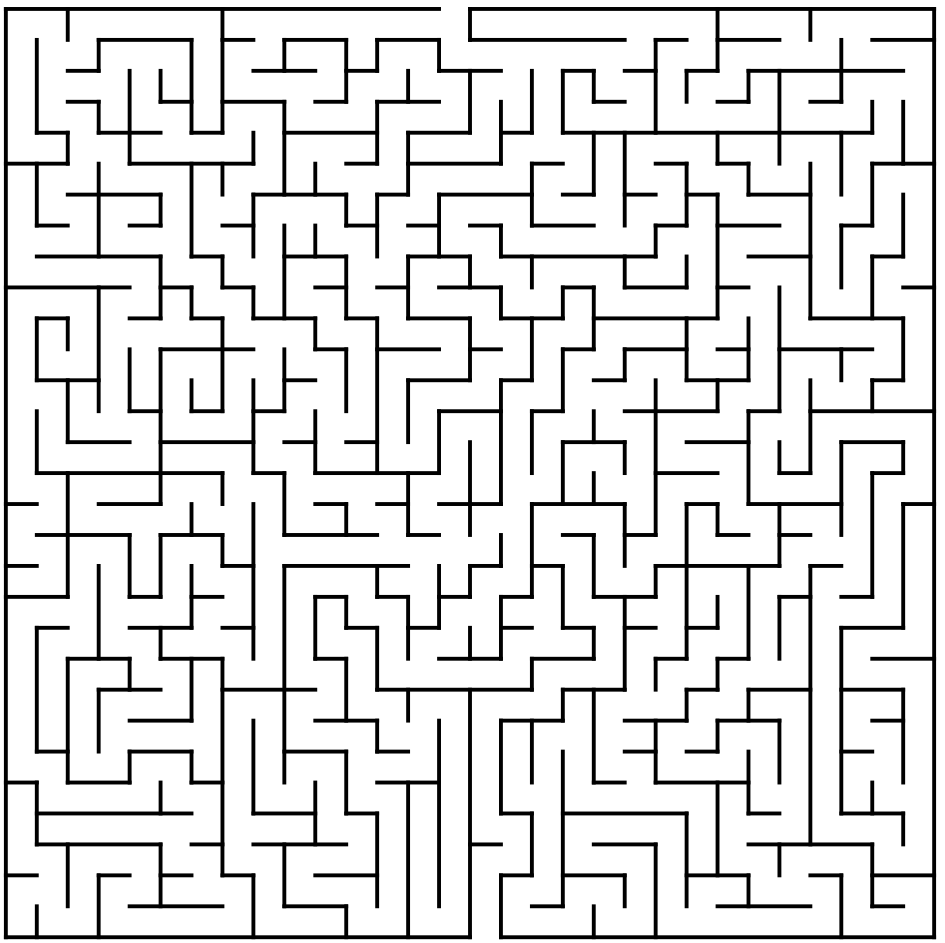
Truist Park!



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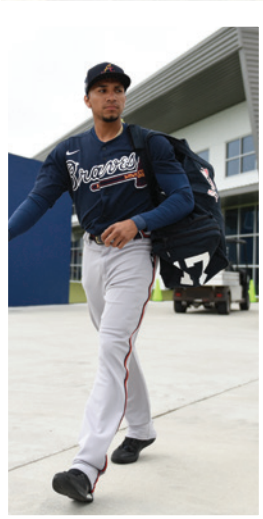

BY THE NUMBERS NEW SPRING TRAINING FACILITY

90
Acres

7
Baseball Fields

11
Batting Cages

63
Pitching Mounds

Braves COOK LIKE THE CLUBHOUSE

Healthy Starter Special

FROM JOHAN CAMARGO

- 1 cup frozen mixed berries
- 1 banana
- 2 Tbsp of peanut butter
- 1 scoop of vanilla plant-based protein
- 1 1/2 cup of almond milk

"Gains" Smoothie

FROM MIKE SOROKA

- 2 frozen bananas
- 1/2 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 scoop plant-based protein
- 1 scoop collagen
- 1 scoop glutamine
- 2 cups almond milk

Avocado Salad

CLUBHOUSE FAVORITE!

- 4 ripe avocado
- 1 vine ripe tomato
- 1/2 red onion
- 1/4 bunch cilantro
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Wash all produce lightly. Drain. Cut 4 avocadoes in half, remove seed from center. (A ripe avocado is slightly soft.) Scoop out avocado halves to the skin with large spoon. Dice into 1/2 inch pieces. Dice one ripe tomato to 1/4 inch pieces. Dice one half onion to 1/2 inch pieces. Chop a 1/4 bunch of cilantro. Toss all ingredients in a bowl with 1/4 cup of olive oil. Lightly salt and pepper as desired.

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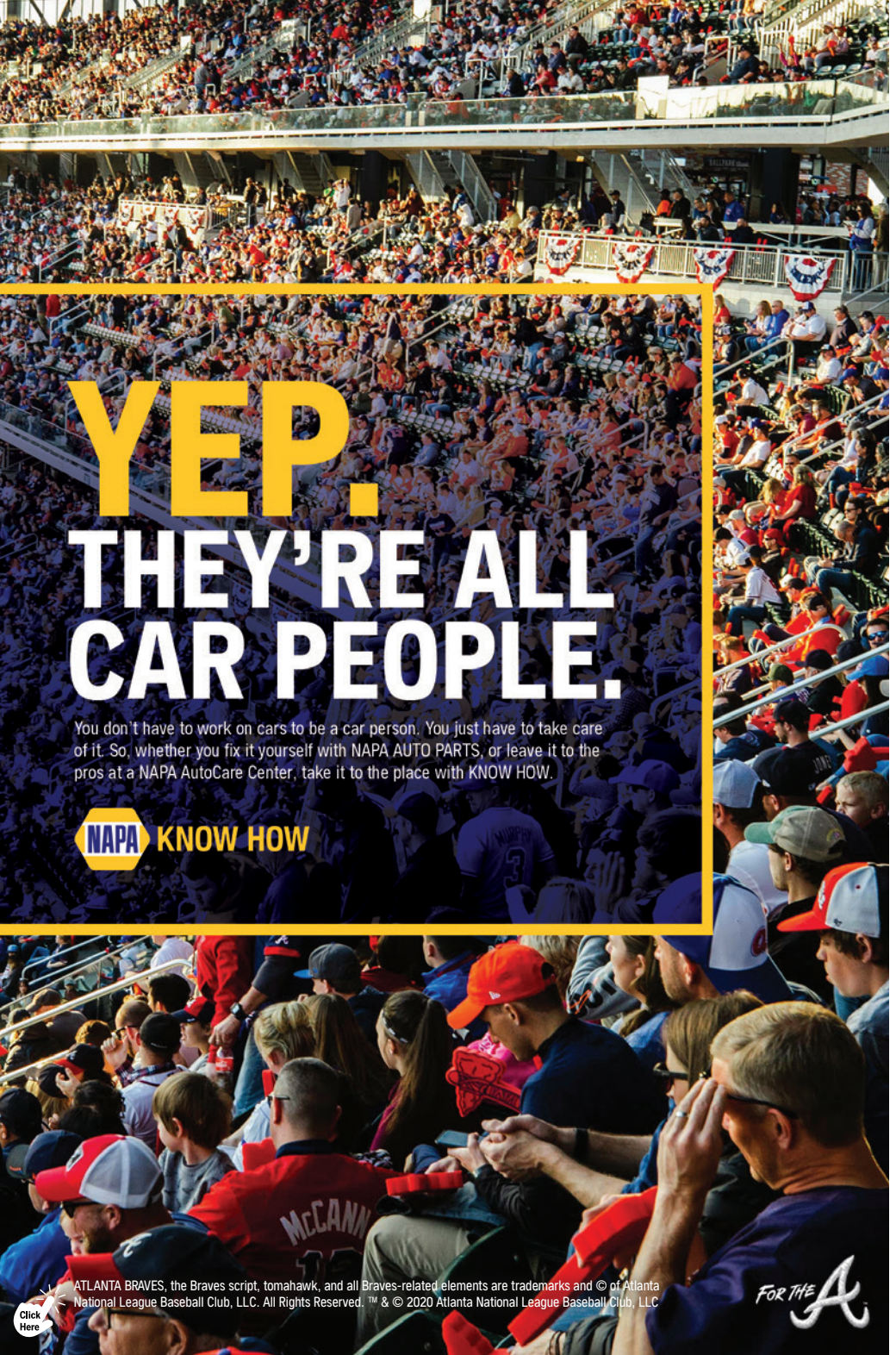

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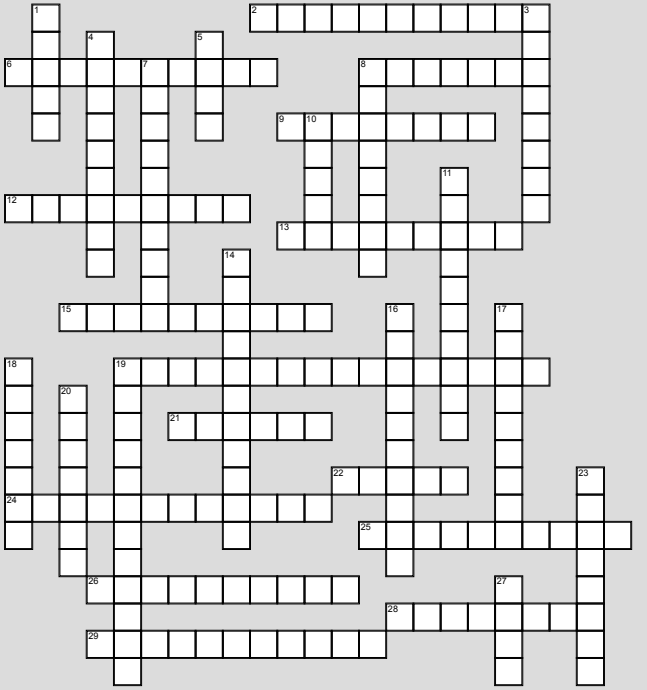

Across

2 Braves centerfielder who won ten consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove Awards

6 Current Braves home ballpark

8 Atlanta Braves Mascot since 2018

9 Longtime Braves manager, inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014

12 Braves Hall of Fame outfielder who finished his career with 755 home runs

13 Media mogul who purchased the Braves in 1976

15 Braves back-to-back MVP Award-winning slugger

19 Braves' opponent in the 1995 World Series

21 Hometown of the 1914 "Miracle Braves"

22 Braves 3-time All-Star backstop Javy

24 Only Braves player to have played for the organization in all three cities in which the team has been based

25 First pitcher in Major League history to win the Cy Young Award four consecutive seasons

26 Starting pitcher-turned-closer who holds the Braves record for most saves in a season

28 Nickname of Braves knuckleballer who pitched a no-hitter on August 5, 1973

29 1957 World Series MVP

Down

1 Number of Braves World Championships

3 Nickname of the Braves' AAA team

4 Braves hometown from 1953 to 1965

5 Braves National League division since 1994

7 1995 World Series MVP

8 Longtime Yankees great who ended his career with the Boston Braves in 1935

10 Braves switch-hitting All-Star Albies

11 NCAA baseball powerhouse and alma mater of Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson

14 Braves hurler with NL-leading ERA in 1947, 1953, and 1961

16 Braves home ballpark during the 1914 World Series

17 Home country of Braves phenom Ronald Acuña Jr.

18 Current Atlanta Braves Manager Brian

19 No. 1 pick in the 1990 MLB draft who spent his entire Hall of Fame career with the Braves

20 Current Braves first baseman Freeman

23 Number of consecutive division titles clinched by the Braves in 2005

27 Longtime Braves announcer Caray, son of Harry

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