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Broadcast Reader Assignment

1. BEWARE OF THE "POLLENPOCALYPSE" (POL-ehn-POK-uh-lips). THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS NORTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE MOST SEVERELY POLLENATED AREAS IN THE U-S THIS WEEK. A RECENT STUDY PUBLISHED IN LANCET PLANETARY HEALTH SHOWS POLLEN LOADS AND DURATION HAVE BEEN INCREASING ON THREE CONTINENTS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED TEMPERATURE INCREASES, BUT THE WORST IS STILL YET TO COME. [:18]
2. THE LONDON BRIDGE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE THAT MAY BE FALLING DOWN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE AMERICAN ROAD & TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION REPORTS OVER 47,000 BRIDGES IN THE U-S ARE CLASSIFIED AS "STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT." THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION WAITS ON BATED BREATH TO SEE WHETHER PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CONGRESS DECIDE TO INSTITUTE A PERMANENT REVENUE SOLUTION FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, WITHOUT WHICH, STATES COULD SEE A SIGNIFICANT CUT IN FEDERAL INVESTMENT BEGINNING IN 2021. [:21]
3. U-S-A TODAY REPORTS UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC WILL SERVE AS A TEST SITE FOR A SNACKBOT DELIVERY SYSTEM, THANKS TO PEPSI-CO'S

HELLO GOODNESS BRAND AND SAN FRANCISCO BASED ROBBY
TECHNOLOGIES. A PEPSI-CO OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT BETWEEN THREE
AND FIVE SNACKBOTS WILL DELIVER HEALTHY REFRESHMENTS ORDERED
VIA APP TO AROUND 50 LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS. THE SYSTEM COULD
PAVE THE WAY FOR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS TO COME. [:20]