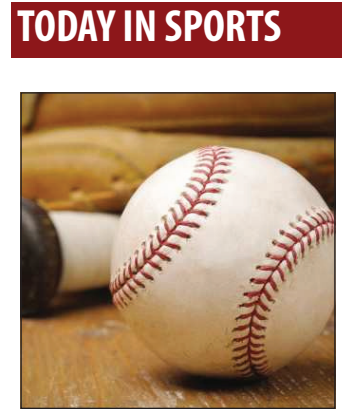


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## Signs, ordinances and little things



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The sign on Hobart Street advertising the MK Brown Civic Auditorium and other city of Pampa events has given the City of Pampa trouble almost since purchasing it several years ago. The City Commissioners approved a bid Tuesday for AAA Signs of Amarillo to replace it.

■ Ordinance code enforcement heavy topic at city Commission meeting; Commission approves purchase of new sign for MK Brown.

BY JOHN LEE  
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The Pampa city Commission met on Tuesday, and the public discussion about ordinance code enforcement was the hot topic before the action items on the agenda were addressed.

After a lengthy discussion discussing ordinance code enforcement, the city Commission approved the following agenda items:

- Approved June 10, 2014 minutes.
- Approved Commissioner Robert Dixon's absence from the June 10 meeting and workshop.
- Approved work on the 2014 Seal Coat Project.
- Approved replat of lots three and four of Benpar subdivision.

- Approved list of disbursements dated May 2014.
- Awarded the bid of a new LED electronic message sign for MK Brown Center to AAA Signs of Amarillo.

With the current sign continuing to present the city with issues and becoming harder to find parts to repair it, the City will be purchasing a new LED electronic message board for the MK Brown Center.

Assistant city manager Shane Stokes said that the sign will cost \$82,245 from AAA Signs of Amarillo and will come from the MK Brown funds. Since the MK Brown center is funded by the hotel/motel tax, the tax is only to be used for tourism center or convention-related purchases.

Referring back to the public comments, a former MK Brown Center employee addressed the Commission first to explain about some issues he noticed during his employment. The issues ranged from improper time clock use to the involvement of some employees to events such as quinceañeras. Pampa mayor Brad Pingel assured the employee that the city would look into the issues he reported.

The Commission held a public hearing on the Con-

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## Top o' Texas Rodeo Parade entries now being accepted

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF PAMPA

Entries are currently being accepted for the Top O' Texas Rodeo parade which will wind its way through downtown Pampa on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

The 2014 parade route is as follows:

- Forms on Atchison Street at the train depot
- West on Atchison to Cuyler
- North on Cuyler to Francis
- West on Francis to Ward
- South on Ward to Foster
- East on Foster to Cuyler
- South on Cuyler to Atchison
- East on Atchison back to train depot
- Disband

Entries will be accepted up until parade time but those wanting to be judged for an award must enter through the rodeo office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. Entry forms are available at the rodeo office, 200 North Ballard, or email at [totorodeo@gmail.com](mailto:totorodeo@gmail.com). Proof of current Coggins is required on all horses.

Many other activities are being planned downtown and at Recreation Park on Aug. 9, as well.

For more information contact the rodeo office at 806-669-0434 or visit the website at [www.topoftexasrodeo.com](http://www.topoftexasrodeo.com).

## Mobeetie Jail Museum to host music festival

SUBMITTED

The Mobeetie Jail Museum would like to remind readers of the upcoming Old Mobeetie Music Festival from July 25 to 27.

The museum staff is excited about the lineup of bands this year. The Batten Family, Triple L. Bluegrass Band, Mark Phillips and III Generation, Copper Canyon, Cole Family Bluegrass and 2nd Time Around will all be playing at the festival.

Frank Cleveland, the best sound man around, will provide the sound and Gina Seitz will serve as emcee for the event. There will also be homemade ice cream and other goodies at the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department's concession stand.

Mobeetie is among the many areas in the Texas Panhandle that have been blessed with a lot of rain this year, and the park is looking green. There have been many new red oak and burr oak trees planted in the park, and this would not have been possible without donations and memorials to the museum. The staff would like to thank everyone who helped with the project.

Wheeler County was chosen to receive a historical marker honoring the Buffalo Soldiers, a regiment of black soldiers and Lt. Henry O. Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point, both of whom served at Fort Elliot near Mobeetie. The marker was placed at the roadside park west of Mobeetie along with the giant arrow and marker for the Quannah Parker trail. There are many historical sites to see in Mobeetie.

Ticket costs for the festival weekend are as follows:

\$15 for Saturday and \$10 for Friday or \$20 for the whole weekend. The Sunday Gospel

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## BP wants unspent spill recovery money back

BY NEENA SATIJA  
 The Texas Tribune

After watching a \$5 million grant to Gov. Rick Perry's office go unspent nearly four years after it was presented in the wake of the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP is asking Texas for its money back.

The funds were given to Texas in September 2010 to help with oil spill recovery, but few of the state and local officials who work on such projects were aware of the grant until a legisla-

tive hearing in May. Lawmakers at the hearing were angered and said the money should have been given to agencies with the expertise to spend it. BP was frustrated as early as last winter about the unspent funds and asked Perry to return the money, according to correspondence obtained by The Texas Tribune through an open records request.

"The State has allowed the funds to sit in its General Revenue account, earning \$20,871.63 in interest over the past three years," a BP attorney wrote in a letter to Perry last November. "As

such, BP respectfully requests that the State of Texas return the unused and unneeded \$5 million grant to BP."

In January, Perry's office responded, "respectfully" denying the company's request for a return of the money and arguing that "the State cannot accept an arbitrary deadline to expend the funds." The letter went on to say that the money would be used for a "website and grant programs."

Six months later, only \$51,000 has been spent and no functioning website

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# City

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Consumer Confidence Report about the City of Pampa municipal water system and water systems at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Jordan and Baten units. There was no public comment on the subject.

## The acknowledgment of ordinance violations

After the public hearing, it was time for a public discussion about the enforcement of ordinances. Pampa resident, Dennis Palmitier, went to the podium and thanked the Commission for letting him speak and applauded the City of Pampa on its quick response to the storms. Palmitier spoke about the lack of code enforcement by the City of Pampa. "I am asking the city, the director of public works and the city manager, be

proactive on code enforcement," Palmitier said. "As an example, two or three years ago, you passed a city ordinance calling for no cars on front lawns. I remember Donny (Hooper) doing a study, he counted almost 200 vehicles in his study and you (the Commission) passed the ordinance with flying colors. Well those 200 cars are still there, Donny."

Palmitier pointed out other issues such as dead trees and bricks in city streets. Palmitier asked the Commission why these issues are ongoing.

"My point is: Pampa used to be a beautiful city. It's not now, it's an eyesore," Palmitier said.

Director of public works, Donny Hooper, came up to the podium and spoke in response to Palmitier and offered how the code enforcement process works.

Hooper said that a lot of the ordinance violations he sees you can see in Amarillo, Borger and other various communities. Hooper

explained that the code enforcement department has their own laws that they have to follow as well.

"First of all, code enforcement is mostly a life/safety issue department, it's a very small department," Hooper said. "Their daily work tasks deal with all life/safety issues such as plumbing/electrical, structural things, we have a lot dilapidated buildings we have done in the past I'd say five years. We have done 1,600 inspections this year in the life-safety category."

Hooper went on to explain that there is a nuisance category also, which is mostly what Palmitier was referring to, that vary from junk vehicles and overgrown weeds in the alley to kids throwing a football in the middle of the street.

The reason that the nuisance category is complaint-driven, is because there are so many ordinances that if a city decides to be "aggressive" with the

ordinances, then they have to enforce all of the ordinances in the books. With it being complaint-driven, if someone is bothered by it in the neighborhood then it can be enforced.

Hooper explained that the city also can not do "selective code enforcement."

"We have to be careful not to do selective code enforcement or something that will discriminate against someone just because they decided to live on a certain street or because they 'chose' to violate one code but not the others," Hooper said.

"You get into a situation about selective code enforcement when you decide, I will just use Duncan Street for an example, all of the parking in the front yards on Duncan Street and we are just going to get all of them. Well you discriminate against those people because they chose to live on Duncan Street and not somewhere else in our community."

Hooper said that if the City wanted to enforce all the ordinances, one of them is two-and-a-half inch lettering made out of either stone or glass. They would go down the street and write each individual house a ticket.

But if a neighbor complained that he is concerned an emergency response team couldn't find his house because others don't have proper lettering, then the City would address that.

Hooper said the ordinance enforcement hasn't changed, it's always been complaint driven. He also said he feels like the way people have chosen to live has changed.

"It's not something we are blind to, it's not something we are not wanting to enforce or go after, we simply just ask that those complaints be made so we have some way of having a record on hand, not to go give a person and say this person complained about you to change your property," Hooper said. "It's so we are not targeting only certain codes and not certain areas of town."

## How the process works

If a person complains about an ordinance violation to the City, the City will go out and inspect to confirm there is a violation. After confirmation, the City will try to contact the resident either via

phone call, letter or visit.

"90 percent of the time that issue is taken care of right away," Hooper said. "The person will say 'I didn't know that was a violation.' And they will take care of it."

If they don't take care of the issue, then the City is required by law to send a certified letter.

"Sometimes we send that certified letter out, it's been a couple of weeks, sometimes more than 30 days," Hooper said. "We can't proceed until we get something back on a certified letter."

Then the abatement process starts and the law can be enforced.

Hooper said the life/safety issues are enforced immediately.

## What can be done

Hooper said he is not opposed to a small focus group that would meet a few times to address specific issues. The group would include members from the citizen coalition, code enforcement department and City Commission.

Hooper also mentioned putting some publicity together to help better educate the public on the process of ordinance code enforcement.

The City of Pampa Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on July 22.

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**Tonight:** Clear with a low of 69. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny and windy with a high of 95. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

**Friday night:** Clear with a low of 70. Winds south-southwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

**Saturday:** Sunny with a high of 95. Winds southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:38 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 72. Winds southwest at 14 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

# Obituaries

## Irene Smith Hunt

Irene Smith Hunt, 90, died July 8, 2014 in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2014 at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, with Rev. Z.A. Myers, retired Assembly of God minister, and Rev. Philip Elsheimer officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



**Irene Hunt**

Mrs. Hunt was born Feb. 23, 1924 in Henryetta, Okla. She married Ray Hunt on June 4, 1942 in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 21, 1973. She had been a resident of Borger from 1951 until 1961, moving to McLean in 1961, and then to Pampa in 1979. Irene worked for Marie Foundations as a factory worker, retiring in 1979 after 14 years, and then worked at Furr's Cafeteria as the "salad lady," retiring in 1988. She was

an Assembly of God. Irene was preceded in death by a sister, Lucille Shelton in 2011; two brothers, J.E. Smith, Jr., in 1971 and Hershel Smith in 2012; and by a great-granddaughter, Emmalynn Hunt in 2013.

Survivors include two sons, Brad R. Hunt and wife Mary and Jim R. Hunt and wife Rhonda, all of Pampa; one sister, Gladys Stewart of Pampa; one brother, Ernest L. Smith of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Leslie Hunt and wife Jean of Midland, Curtis Dwayne Hunt and wife Debra and Ray Hunt and wife Sabrina, all of Palmer, Alaska, Kevin Hunt and wife Shawna and Michael Hunt and wife Ceeli, all of Pampa and Isis Hunt of Willow, Alaska; and 14 great-grandchildren; Heather Schumacher, Brandon Hunt, Braden Hunt, Ethan Hunt, Carsyn Hunt, Austin Hunt, Kindle Hunt, Hayden Hunt, Thomas Hunt, Eric Hunt, Katie Ace, Emily Ace, Michael Schiffman and Kevin Schiffman.

Memorials to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## For the record

# Pampa man arrested for burglary

### STAFF REPORT

• James Lopez, Jr., 20, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police

Department for burglary of a vehicle.

• Travis Frank Berryman, 31, Skellytown, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for capias pro fine — pos-

session of drug paraphernalia, capias pro fine — theft less than \$50.

• Adeline Rene Hanson, 26, Borger, was arrested Monday by the Gray

County Sheriff's Department for capias pro fine — unsafe start from park, capias pro fine — failure to appear.

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# Nuke missile duty: 'It weighs on your mind'

BERTHOLD, N.D. (AP) — As a nuclear missileer with his finger on the trigger of the world's most powerful weapon, Air Force 1st Lt. Andy Parthum faces pressures few others know. He spends his workday awaiting an order he hopes never arrives: to launch nuclear-tipped missiles capable of killing millions and changing the course of history.

Parthum is one of 90 young airmen who carry out their mission not in the air but in a hole in the ground.

Across the northern tier of the U.S., pairs of missileers sit at consoles inside bomb-proof capsules 60 feet underground and linked to groups of Minuteman 3 missiles, a nuclear-armed weapon whose first generation President John F. Kennedy dubbed an "Ace in the Hole."

The missileers' mission was born in the early years of the Cold War, when the threat of nuclear Armageddon was ever-present, yet it lives on despite the emergence of new threats like global terrorism and cyberattack and the shrinking of defense budgets.

The missileers have never engaged in combat, although the Air Force calls them combat crew members. Still, no one can exclude the possibility, remote as it may be, that one day a president will deliver the gut-wrenching order that would compel a missileer to unleash a nuclear hell that would alter world history.

"Absolutely, it weighs on your mind," Parthum, 25, said on a recent after-

noon at Juliet-01, a Minuteman 3 missile launch site on a small patch of prairie 9 miles from the village of Berthold and about 25 miles west of Minot Air Force Base, whose 91st Missile Wing controls 150 of the nation's 450 Minuteman missiles.

It may come as a surprise to some that the Air Force still operates intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs. And therein lies part of the problem for missileers, who feel underappreciated in a military that has long since shifted its main focus.

Parthum, however, says he takes pride in his role and accepts its importance.

"It's something that's a little abstract, so that could be hard for people, I can see that," he said. "But once you understand that you're providing the backbone, the bedrock for United States nuclear deterrence then it's a lot easier to appreciate, I think."

Parthum, a native of Centreville, Virginia, and his crewmate, 23-year-old 2nd Lt. Oliver Parsons of Shawnee, Kansas, showed visitors around the small launch control center where they were several hours into a 24-hour watch over a group of 10 missiles.

It's a sometimes tedious duty the Air Force calls "standing alert." Some say their biggest challenge is staying alert.

Missileers, typically 22- to 27-year-old lieutenants and captains, work in pairs, with a relief crew arriving every 24 hours. A missileer generally does two "alerts" a week. It was Parthum's 118th. (He keeps track.)

It's not hard to see why some missileers find it hard to adjust to life under the prairie. An 8-ton blast door seals their launch control center from a potential incoming nuclear detonation. Twice last year launch officers were disciplined after admitting they left the blast door open while a crewmate was asleep — a security violation. That and other lapses in discipline, training and leadership were

documented by The Associated Press over the past year, prompting Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to declare that "something is wrong."

The ICBM launch control center is actually two separate structures. An outer protective shell is made of reinforced concrete lined with a steel plate. A smaller, box-like enclosure where the missileers work, eat and sleep is suspended inside the protective shell by pneumatic cylinders called "shock isolators" attached to the shell's ceiling by heavy chains; the isolators are designed to keep the space stable in the event of a nuclear blast.

These underground command posts have changed relatively little since they were built in the early 1960s, although the Air Force recently committed to refurbishing them to make a missileer's life a bit easier. Juliet-01, the command post an AP reporting team was permitted to visit, had just been repainted and spruced up to remove corrosion caused by water intrusion, giving it what one officer called "that new car smell."

The launch center is accessible only from an above-ground building that resembles a small ranch-style home. An access shaft descends from a vestibule inside the building, which is controlled by a security team and surrounded by alarms and a chain-link fence.

Nuclear weapons duty is a deadly serious business, but it's not without room for a pinch of missileer humor. A patch on the green leather seat from which Parthum monitors a computer console linked electronically to each of his 10 Minuteman 3 missiles offers these pithy phrases: "This Round's On The House," and "Party Til You Nuke."

In fact, the U.S. has never fired an ICBM, other than for flight testing. Their stated purpose is to help deter nuclear war by convincing a potential attacker that it would have more to lose than to gain.

Upward of two-thirds

of missileers were "volunteered" for the job after gaining their officer commission. Once they complete basic ICBM training at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, they are sent on four-year tours to one of three missile bases: Minot, Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, or F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming.

The responsibility is enormous, the cost of mistakes potentially colossal, ranging from environmental damage to inadvertently triggering a nuclear war.

That is why the Air Force has long-established rules, procedures and backup safety systems to minimize the possibility of a major error. Over time, with the passing of the Cold War, the Air Force lost focus on its nuclear mission.

It also lost a good deal of what remained of the allure of serving as a missileer.

"Even during the Cold War while facing down the Soviets, it could be difficult to convince bright young airmen that what they were doing was worthwhile," Robert W. Stanley II wrote in a research paper in 2011 before becoming vice commander of the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom. Last year he was promoted to commander there but resigned in March 2014 amid a scandal over exam cheating among his missileers.

In his paper, "Reviving a Culture of Disciplined Compliance in Air Force Nuclear Operations," Stanley called for missileer incentive pay.

"In trying to demonstrate that nuclear duty is not a dying career field, and one worthy of top personnel," he wrote, "no message could be more tangible than monetary reward."

The Air Force is heeding that advice. Starting in October, it will offer entry bonuses to newly trained missileers, as well as "duty pay" for security forces, missileers and others who operate in the missile fields. A nuclear weapons service medal will also be offered as part of an intensified effort to make the career field more attractive.

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## Tales from the Final Frontier

### ■ 'Towerfall Ascension' is simple but brilliant.

With the purchase of my Playstation 4 almost a month ago, I hadn't decided to by the Playstation Network Plus, which allows for gamers to play online and also get free downloadable games monthly.



**JOHN LEE**

After seeing the free game option that comes with having a Playstation Plus account, I gave in and bought it. Usually when I look at cheap or free games, I look for something my wife and I can play. My wife is not the strongest of video gamers, she can't get past the dual-joystick concept that modern games have today. So usually platformers such as "Super Mario Brothers" and "Donkey Kong Country" are right up her alley.

When looking through this month's free games, I came across "Towerfall Ascension." Watching the previews and pitching it to her we decided it would be the first downloaded game for us.

We do not regret the decision and have almost lost sleep playing the game.

As metacritic.com describes the game, "TowerFall is an archery combat platformer for up to four players. It's a local party game centering around hilarious, intense versus matches. The core mechanics are simple and accessible, but combat is fast and fierce. It's best played competitively with friends, cross-legged on the floor within punching distance of each other."

The concept is simple, you and your partner(s) are placed on a board that has a layout of platforms and ledges. You're given three arrows to start with, and as you fire them, you have to go retrieve them; they don't keep resupplying them.

This is a concept that makes the game challenging because if you are trigger happy, you deplete your arrows quickly and find yourself in a bind surrounded by enemies, then your only hope is jumping on them.

Each level has a various number of waves that increases in difficulty. Each level also has various challenges the team must overcome.

The graphics add character to the game as it feels very much like an

arcade game. The animations are hilarious at times and feature cartoon violence. GameInformer said the graphics' "16-bit-inspired visuals may be overdone, but the style fits the simple gameplay."

There is a multi-player combat mode which faces you against your friends, but I am not much of a one-on-one combatant and only have two PS4 controllers, so I will let you tell me how it is.

The game is rated "E" for "Everyone" and I will warn you there is cartoon violence but nothing kids don't see on TV today. I would compare it to the Lego video games if you need a comparison.

It normally costs \$14.99 in the Playstation store, but right now is free with a Playstation Plus account.

Let me know what you think.

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## Obama: I can't work with others; sue me

In January, President Barack Obama outlined his strategy for 2014.



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"I've got a pen, and I've got a phone," he said. The president planned on using his pen to sign executive and administrative orders and his phone to call outside groups — not Congress — to rally behind his pet programs. Obama forgot to mention his third favorite instrument — the teleprompter. Rather than working with Congress, Obama's second term is all about blaming Congress for whatever goes wrong. In that can't-do spirit, Obama mocked House Speaker John Boehner's threat to take legal action against the White House's imperial ways. "So sue me," Obama said to laughter. As long as House Republicans are "doing nothing, I'm not going to apologize for trying to do something."

Pretend for a moment that George W. Bush had said that. Then imagine what Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., would have said. But it's hard to imagine Bush crying uncle, because he was able to woo across the aisle, even to persuade Hillary Clinton and John Kerry to vote for the Iraq War. Obama?

"He throws out things he knows we won't go for," noted Don Stewart, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Then he grouses when the GOP won't go along.

In the "sue me" speech, Obama railed against the GOP for not supporting a minimum wage increase, paid family leave and pay equity for women — despite his administration's sorry record in that department. Where Obama could garner bipartisan support — approving the Keystone XL pipeline and ending the medical device tax and Obamacare's employer mandate —

Stewart added, he is not engaged.

The lawsuit, Boehner wrote in an opinion piece for CNN, would be aimed at Obama's failure at "faithfully (executing) the laws of our country." To wit, the president unilaterally has rewritten parts of his health care law and made recess appointments deemed illegal by the Supreme Court unanimously.

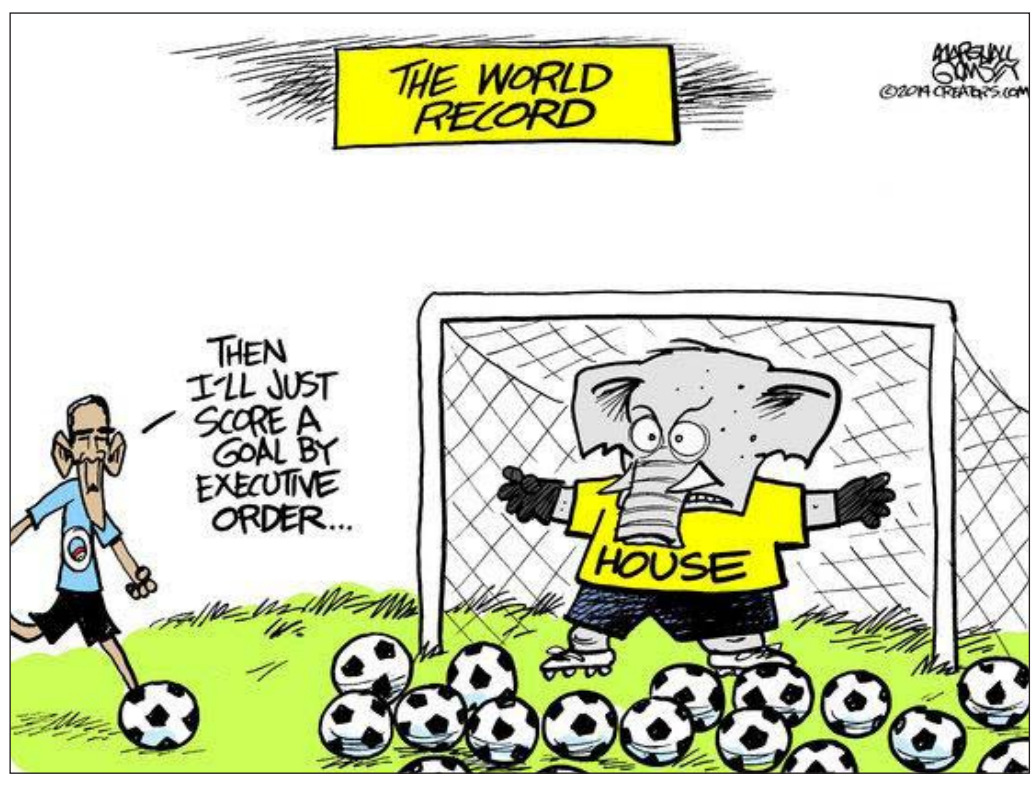
The administration's most well-known act of obstruction is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival directive. In essence, the president enacted the DREAM Act — to stop the deportation of unlawful residents who came to the U.S. as minors — without Congress.

(When Obama visits Texas for three fundraisers this week, he won't go to the border, where thousands of unaccompanied youths have been detained. Spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters, "The president has a very good sense of what's happening on the border." Translation: There's no opportunity to blame the GOP.)

Walter Olson of the libertarian-leaning CATO Institute told me that he likes some things the administration has done unilaterally but that the statutory authority may be "on thin ice." Olson also observed that after years of railing against activist courts, suit-happy Republicans don't quite have the high ground.

Neither does the can't-work-with-others president. As a constitutional law professor, Obama should not need the House Judiciary Committee to tell him, "If the President disagrees with that law, he must convince Congress to change it." Now he's arguing with himself — gearing up to deport children, encouraged by his own directive.

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## Common core becomes a nightmare

Americans are waking up to how bad Common Core really is for education, but its nightmare does not go away quickly. Liberal education bureaucrats ("educrats") are now trying to enforce Common Core through the courts, with one lawsuit already filed in Oklahoma and another likely in Louisiana.



**PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY**

In both states the governors tried to get rid of Common Core, but parents are shocked that it may return by court order as unelected educrats claim they have more power than the state legislature and governor combined. The Oklahoma legislature approved a law to repeal Common Core, and the governor signed it, but now its state board of education has filed a lawsuit to bring it back.

The Washington Post has revealed how Bill Gates used his nonprofit foundation to spend hundreds of millions of dollars behind the scenes to force this disaster on the American people. The Gates Foundation doled out a fortune to various education groups, to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and to teachers unions to force Common Core on all students.

A group that received nearly \$2 million from the Gates Foundation to help implement Common Core,

the National Association of State Boards of Education, is the same organization behind the lawsuit to reinstate Common Core in Oklahoma. Joining this effort is a member of the state board of education, which is not elected by the people.

The NASBE is a private group that received \$1,077,960 from the Gates Foundation in 2011 "to build the capacity of State Boards of Education to better position them to achieve full implementation of the Common Core standards." It is unaccountable to the public. About two years later the NASBE received another \$800,000 "to provide training and information to implement Common Core State Standards" and to help develop it, too.

The lawsuit, which claims that the state constitution does not permit the legislature and governor to repeal Common Core, was filed directly in the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and there will be no appeal to whatever that court decides. The people of Oklahoma are apparently at the mercy of an unelected state board and its liberal state supreme court, and the U.S. Supreme Court will not get involved in this issue of state law.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed the bill to repeal Common Core a few weeks before her primary, which she then won in a landslide. But why isn't she or the legislature doing anything to remove from

office the members of the state board of education who refuse to implement the repeal of Common Core?

A similar fiasco is shaping up in Louisiana, where Gov. Bobby Jindal has courageously stopped Common Core. Or, at least, so everyone thought, until the educrats there began planning a lawsuit to defy the governor and impose it anyway.

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 6-3 to "lawyer up," as Breitbart.com put it, in order to sue its own governor for withdrawing Louisiana from both Common Core and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, which controls the testing to implement Common Core.

Jindal pointed out that the state board did not seek competitive bids on the expensive tests for the schools, as is generally required by state law on most contracts in order to save the state as much money as possible. Both the Louisiana state superintendent and the president of its state board of education defiantly predicted that Louisiana would remain in Common Core and its testing for the 2014-15 school year.

The Obama administration has reportedly already poured \$370 million into developing tests to be forced on the states. But many of the biggest states, including heavily Demo-

cratic states such as New York, are reconsidering their participation in the federally funded tests.

New Jersey is now considering pulling out of Common Core, with Gov. Chris Christie facing a dilemma that may determine whether he is a viable presidential candidate. Does he stand up for local control over education by stopping Common Core in his state, as Jindal has done in Louisiana, or does he try to play both sides of the issue?

Meanwhile, parents in areas already implementing Common Core are discovering that they are unable to help their children solve elementary arithmetic problems. Bizarre, tedious and convoluted methods of teaching children basic arithmetic are causing parents to search the Internet for answers, and some of these parents are turning to home schooling to escape the madness.

But even home schooling may not help, if colleges all convert to the new testing standards based on Common Core guidelines. The tests are what drive curricula, and home-school curricula will need to adapt to the new tests in order for the students to be admitted to college.

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## Scientists turn to public to help pay for research

NEW YORK (AP) — In over three decades of studying ferns, Duke University professor Kathleen Pryer has received her share of grant money. But for her newest project, she's getting help from a retired nurse in Canada and a 17-year-old in Arkansas.

It's her first foray into the modern-day world of crowdfunding, the practice of using the Internet to raise relatively small amounts of money from a lot of people to finance a project. It's quite a departure from the normal sources of funding for scientific research, chiefly industry, government and philanthropies.

Outside of science, it's been successful for projects like developing video games and other consumer products, publishing books and making films and other entertainment programs. A campaign to finance a movie sequel to the cult television show "Veronica Mars" pulled in \$2 million in less than a day, eventually gathering more than \$5.7 million in

30 days. But "science has yet to gain Veronica Mars status," notes Jeanne Garbarino, director of science outreach at Rockefeller University in New York, who has used crowdfunding and informally advised others. Instead, scientific projects tend to be far more modest, generally raising just thousands or tens of thousands of dollars.

One researcher, for example, raised about \$2,000 to hire a truck and buy camp supplies to recover a triceratops skeleton he'd found in Wyoming. Current campaigns on the website experiment.com include \$5,000 to investigate a parasite in North Carolina bay scallops, \$3,560 to study a disease of bats, and \$17,400 to tag sharks for migration research.

In one impressive success, more than \$150,000 was raised to contact an old research satellite and put it back to work.

Pryer launched a six-week campaign last month to raise \$15,000 to decipher the DNA of a

fast-growing aquatic fern called Azolla (ah-ZOH'-lah). It's small enough to fit on your thumbnail, but she says learning more about the plant could pay big benefits.

Azolla captures and processes nitrogen from the air with the help of bacteria that live on it, and further study may let scientists engineer that trick into crop plants, reducing the need for fertilizer, she says. Azolla also sucks heat-trapping carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, making it potentially useful for fighting global warming, according to Pryer.

She turned to crowdfunding after being "turned down flat" by the National Science Foundation, and rejected by other traditional sources of funds.

But her project caught the eye of Andrew Wiloughby, 17, of Little Rock, Arkansas, when he learned about it on Twitter. With his interest in botany, he thought any steps toward engineering crops that get and process their own nitrogen would be "a

great idea." He pitched in \$15.

Similarly, retired nurse Ingrid Kern of Toronto was impressed by the project when she read a commentary by Pryer in her local newspaper. She tracked down Pryer's page on experiment.com and donated \$100, her first contribution to a crowdfunding campaign.

The fern "interests me because it's tiny and it has great potential," said Kern, who'd been an industrial microbiologist before turning to nursing.

By late June, Pryer's campaign had raised only about a third of her goal, with just two weeks to go. Then things took a dramatic turn. BGI, a nonprofit institution in China that does DNA research, said it would carry out Pryer's project for free.

If that hadn't happened, "I do not think we would have met our goal," she said.

Her campaign now has a new fundraising target. She hopes to use donated money to pay for analysis of the data she'll get from

BGI. The effort ends this week.

While scientists normally have to pique a donor's interest, sometimes it's public concern that leads to a project. That's what happened for ocean scientist Ken Buesseler of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

Sometime this year, Buesseler says, radioactive material from Japan's damaged Fukushima nuclear reactor is expected to arrive in the ocean off the West Coast. He doesn't believe it will be a health hazard. But some of the public's legitimate concerns are mixing with alarmist statements, he said, and so he wanted to sample coastal water over the next few years to provide hard data to the public.

With no government money available for that, he launched a website for suggesting sites for sampling by volunteers and donating money for testing.

Since January, the project has raised over \$55,000 from more than 350 dona-

tions. None of the samples analyzed so far from 30 sites has shown any sign of Fukushima radiation.

Word of that project reached a former high school science teacher in Seward, Alaska, and Jan Bukac is now spearheading an effort to get water tested there.

"It just kind of sparked my interest," he said.

His family, like others in the community, eats a lot of salmon from the coastal waters, Bukac said. While sampling water won't reveal what might be in the fish, he said, at least it's a starting point.

How much science will crowdfunding support? It's not clear yet. But apart from the money, there's an educational payoff from having scientists explain their work clearly to lay people as they ask for money, says Edward Derick of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"It's more engagement with the public," he said. "We're all in favor of engagement."

## Pilot buys pizzas for passengers grounded by storm

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Faced with potentially hungry — and grumpy — passengers, a Frontier Airlines pilot treated them to pizza when storms diverted a Denver-bound flight to Cheyenne, where the plane was stuck for a couple of hours.

Cheyenne Domino's Pizza manager Andrew Ritchie told The Associated Press that he got a call about 10 p.m. Monday just as he was about to send employees home. Ritchie said pilot Gerhard Bradner told him he needed to feed 160 people — fast.

"I put my hand over the phone and I said: 'Guys, you're coming back,'" Ritchie said, recalling what he told his employees.

In all, Ritchie said his crew made about 35 pizzas and delivered them to the airport, where the driver handed the food off to flight attendants. One of the passengers sent KUSA-TV a picture of flight attendants handing out pizza boxes.

That number of pizzas is usually what his store handles in an entire hour, Ritchie said. This time, they needed to make them and deliver them in about 30 minutes, he said. But that didn't deter his co-workers, Ritchie said. "Actually, they were super excited. They had a

blast. It was a challenge," he said. "It was definitely one of those 'challenge accepted' moments in time."

Tyri Squyres, Frontier's vice president of marketing, said the airline's pilots have bought pizza or drinks for passengers before and have celebrated a child's first flight with a tour.

KUSA-TV reported that the flight to Denver International Airport, which originated in Washington, D.C., left Cheyenne about 10:30 p.m., shortly after the pizzas arrived.

The flight was one of dozens that were delayed Monday evening because of heavy rain across Colorado.

## Ranchers taking advantage of USDA disaster program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers and ranchers who suffered heavy livestock and grazing losses over the last three years due to extreme weather have been quick to take advantage of newly available disaster relief funds, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

As of July 2, the agency has distributed more than 106,000 payments totaling \$1.2 billion in relief funds in three months, the progress report said. That's a little less than half the \$2.5 billion the USDA estimated would be spent on cases from 2011 to 2014. The funds encompass several programs for disaster relief included in the farm bill, which was approved in February.

Among the communities anxious for the funds to become available were South Dakota ranchers who suffered historic losses during an unusual early-season blizzard last October. An estimated 43,000 cattle and other livestock died, with individual ranchers suffering, in some cases, more

than \$1 million in losses. The storm also affected farms and ranches in North Dakota.

USDA did not provide data for individual states, so it wasn't clear which were quickest to take advantage of the new program.

Forty states, including the Dakotas, have begun to receive disaster payments that expired in 2011 but were retroactively renewed when Congress passed the new farm bill this year. The funds are available to help ranchers and farmers who have suffered through blizzards, persistent droughts and other unexpected weather conditions. That includes many states in southern Plains, like Texas, which dealt with severe drought in 2011 and 2012, and California, which is still in a drought.

Most of the disaster relief programs will remain available until early next year for those filing for losses from 2011 until early 2014. But the USDA will stop accepting applications for Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees

and Farm-Raised Fish Program, known as ELAP, on Aug. 1.

The other programs, including one for livestock losses suffered due to drought or adverse weather, and a tree assistance program, will continue to take retroactive applications until next year. The programs will provide the same relief for future disasters until the farm bill expires in 2018.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the progress report released Wednesday showed that the relief programs were moving smoothly. At the request of President Barack Obama, he said, he expedited USDA's implementation of the program, with applications accepted in April, just 60 days after the farm bill was signed into law.

Vilsack said the agency had set ambitious goals and that it was now operating efficiently to deliver relief.

"Farmers and ranchers who waited two and a half years for a farm bill are now getting some relief," Vilsack said.

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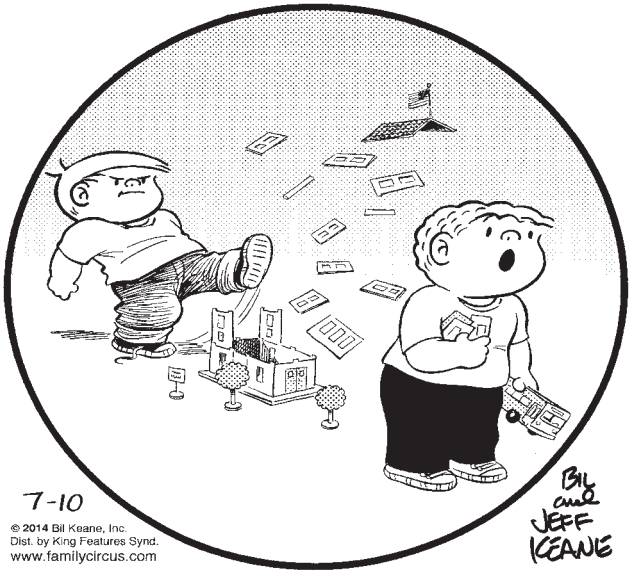
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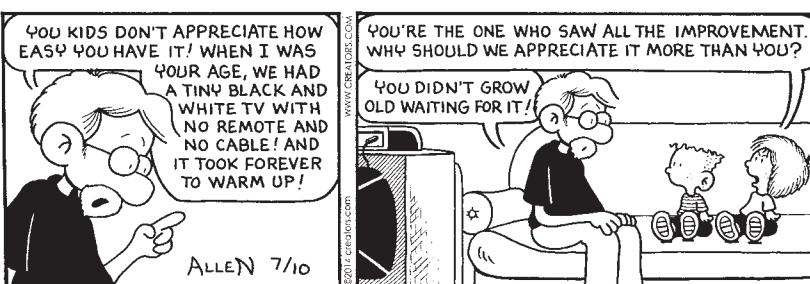
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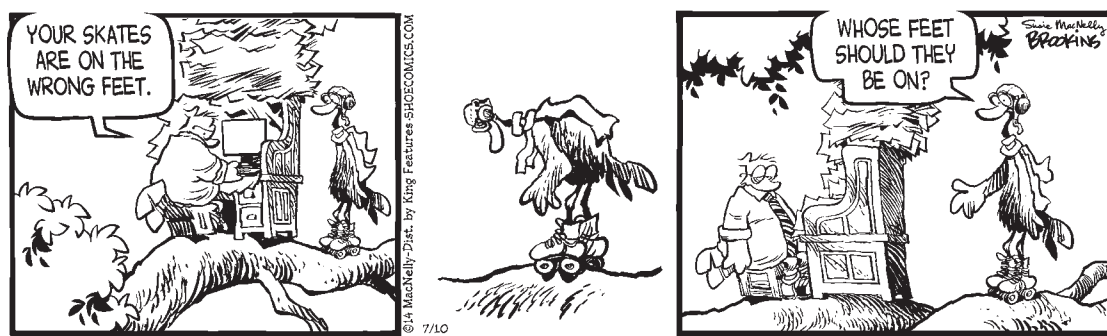
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 This year you have the ability to connect with and have an impact on many more people. You become more effective in how you communicate as well. If you are single, your charisma defines your love life, which will be active. Try to make good choices for you. If you are attached, you need to remain sensitive to your sweetie. A relationship is a 50-50 proposition. You could become quite "me oriented." CAPRICORN has opinions that seem hard or callous to you.  
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★ Intuition will point you in the correct direction if you are in a dilemma. Another party means well but could be the source of an uproar. You will need to be careful in how you approach a topic. Please note this person is in the process of a major transformation. What is said today could be moot tomorrow. Tonight: Be social; bring others together.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Reach out for more information. You could be drawn in by another person's charisma, thoughts and different opinions. Your sensitivity to a situation could cause you to stop and reconsider an important friendship or bond. You want to make good decisions. Tonight: Look past the obvious when meeting someone.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Listen and go past the obvious. You will see what goes on once you connect with a partner or close associate. You could have second thoughts about a relationship, as you could be shocked by what this person does. Don't take action yet. Tonight: Enjoy another person's efforts to lure you toward them.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your plate is full, as others seek you out for many reasons. If you have something important to do, by all means, screen your calls. In your eyes, an authority figure acts in a completely unanticipated manner. You will need to regroup. Avoid knee-jerk reactions. Tonight: Say "yes."  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Focus on getting errands done or clearing your desk. Don't miss answering calls or emails -- a surprise might be on the way. You could give in to impulsiveness and decide to go off and enjoy your friends. Think about the ramifications, not just the plusses. Then you will make a well-informed decision. Tonight: Play it easy.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could see a change happen out of the blue with a key person in your life. You could be stunned by what is happening. Your creativity might be funneled into a relationship. You have many reasons to smile. Clear out what you must in order to let go and enjoy. Tonight: Add some flirtation in.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Understand what the purpose is of continuing as you have. Your softer side emerges when dealing with someone you might feel partially responsible for. You might decide to change your plans and spend more time with this person, who really does appreciate you. Tonight: Out with friends.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your words have clout. Note the reaction to certain statements you might make today. Be aware that someone around you might be very volatile. This person has the capacity to turn part of your day into chaos. You don't need to do anything. You do need to be aware of the possibility. Tonight: Hang out -- favorite place, favorite people.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Remain sensitive to the costs of a risk. Your finances could be subject to wild swings. If that changeable status is OK with you, then you might be OK. A child or a new love interest could surprise you with his or her unpredictability. Tonight: Don't think you have to treat everyone, OK?  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Stay anchored in reality and know your limits. You also might find yourself in a situation where you need to let another person know he or she has crossed a personal boundary of yours. The unexpected runs through a domestic matter. Let go of a need to control. Tonight: Let the fun begin. Be aware of someone's interest in you.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★ You will want to keep some of your observations and thoughts to yourself. Your ability to move in a new direction could be slowed down. If you're really impulsive, you might act anyway, and see the results. A higher-up or parent could be unusually hard on you. Tonight: Not to be found. Let others wonder.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Your friends might be circling their wagons in anticipation of the weekend. Still, you have a lot to do and accomplish before you greet your pals. Someone might act in a most unexpected way. Stay mellow and sure of yourself. Take care of you first. Tonight: Say hello to the weekend.

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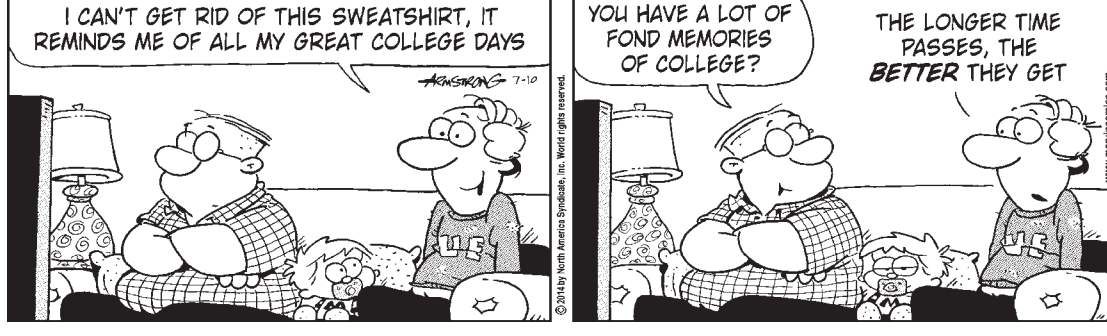
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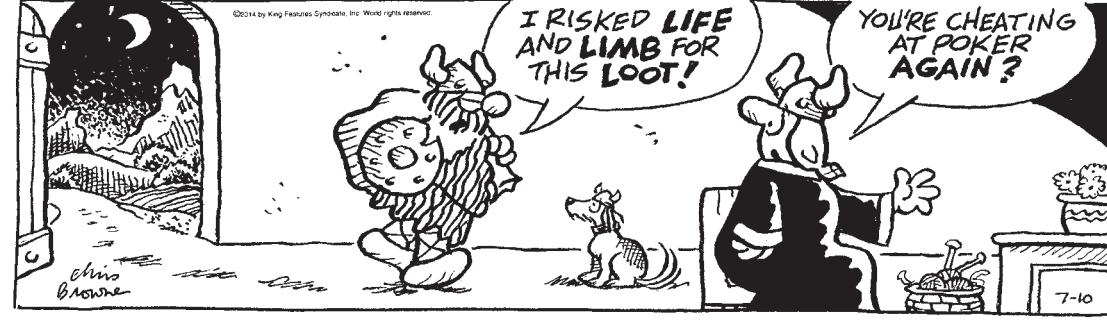
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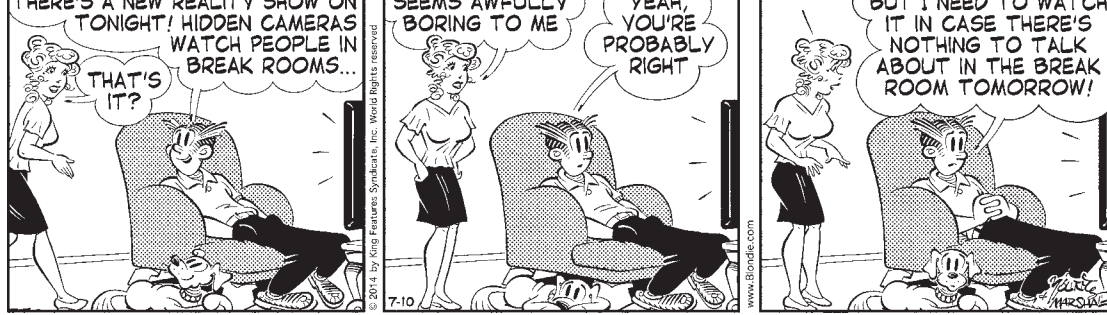
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## Directly from the Dugout

### Rangers slumping hard.

The Texas Rangers have dropped six out of the last seven games since the last update I brought you. They have also lost nine of the last 10 and 18 of the last 22. This team is a far cry from the Texas playoff teams from a few years ago.

Miles Mikolas got to start for Texas on Wednesday when they faced the Orioles. He was called up to replace Joe Saunders who was flat miserable in his starts for the Rangers. Mikolas didn't fair too bad for his first MLB start. He allowed three runs in five and a third innings. Unfortunately the Rangers bullpen also gave up three runs in the game. Adrian Beltre, Alex Rios and Leonys Martin each went 2-4 with an RBI in the game. Beltre had two RBIs. The Rangers had a 4-0 lead after three innings but the pitching blew another game. Final: Orioles 6, Rangers 4.

Scott Baker pitched in the finale of the Baltimore series on Thursday. He gave up three runs over four and two-thirds innings. The Texas bullpen also allowed two more runs in the game. Elvis Andrus was 3-4 and Chris Gimenez was 2-4 but that was about all of the Rangers offense in this one. Final: Orioles 5, Rangers 2. The Rangers got swept in a four game series against the Orioles.

Ranger fans were hoping for a win against the Mets in the series opener on Friday with Yu Darvish pitching. The sad thing is bad pitching is contagious and Darvish gave up four runs in five innings with another two runs tacked on against the Rangers' bullpen. The offense was a little more alive in this one with five runs scored and all five RBIs being collected by five different guys. Shin Soo-Choo and Beltre homered in the game. It wasn't enough for Texas though as the Mets scored two runs in the bottom of the 8th to take the lead for good. Final: Mets 6, Rangers 5.

The losing streak now sat at six games going into the Saturday matchup with the Mets. Colby Lewis was not about to fall victim to the bad pitching bug as he gave up three runs over six innings. The Rangers bullpen also shut down the Mets in this one. Robinson Chirinos was 2-4 with a HR, three RBIs and a run scored. Beltre had a home run in

this game. Andrus, Rios and Carlos Pena each doubled in the game. Chirinos was definitely the difference maker in this one. He was responsible for three Ranger runs. Final: Rangers 5, Mets 3. The losing streak was halted at six games.

Sunday's rubber match came with Nick Tepesch looking to give the Rangers a series victory. But the pitching bug ate him for breakfast as he allowed six runs in six innings of work. The bullpen also allowed two runs in the remainder of the game. Chirinos homered again in this one. Martin was 2-4 with a HR and two RBIs. Rios had a double in the game as well. Despite the valiant effort by the Rangers offense to climb back in the game, the deficit was just too much in this one. Final: Mets 8, Rangers 4.

The Rangers returned home on Monday for a three-game set against the Astros, a team they have owned consistently in the past. Mikolas got destroyed on Monday as he allowed nine runs in three and a third innings pitched. Three more runs were tacked on against the Rangers bullpen. Beltre was 2-5 with a HR, a double and 2 RBIs. Rios was 2-5 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Andrus was 2-5 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Once again it was a night where the Ranger offense was clicking and the pitching was not. Final: Astros 12, Rangers 7. And a new losing streak has begun.

Nick Martinez has been suffering from a muscle problem. Big shocker there right another Ranger pitcher goes down to injury. Phil Irwin was called up to start in

his place in Tuesday's game. A side note, before the game Yu Darvish was hit in the head with a line drive during batting practice. Medical staff said should be able to start in Wednesday's game so I guess we will know by the time this article comes out whether or not he was able to start. Irwin did about all you can expect a guy to do in his situation. He allowed three runs in four innings of work. But the Rangers bullpen gave up five more runs after him. Martin was 2-3 with a triple, a HR and two RBIs. Beltre had a triple. Jake Smolinski had a double and an RBI. And yet again we see another Rangers loss because the pitching left the offense in too big of a hole to climb out of. Final: Astros 8, Rangers 3.

The final game of the Astros series was last night with Darvish going against Dallas Keuchel. Check next week's article for a write up on that game.

Now we get to the four-game set with the Angels that starts tonight. These are the final four games before the All-Star Break.

Colby Lewis (6-5, 5.51 ERA) matches up with Hector Santiago (0-7, 4.50 ERA) tonight. I am surprised the Angels, who are still in contention, have left Santiago in the rotation this long. He has had some terrible outings. Lewis on the other hand might be starting to find his stride a little as he has given up 4, 2 and 2 in his last three starts. I am going to say Lewis continues pitching well and Santiago well let's just let that record speak for itself. Prediction: Rangers 8, Angels 4.

Friday's game will be a lot tougher pitching matchup for the Rangers. Nick Tepesch (3-4, 4.29 ERA) faces Garrett Richards (10-2, 2.71 ERA). Tepesch has been a

little bi-polar this season. He will have to be on his "A" game Friday for Texas to have a shot. Richards dominated Texas in his last start allowing just four hits and one run in six innings. I can't pick against a guy with an ERA under three. That's impressive. Prediction: Angels 6, Rangers 1.

Miles Mikolas (0-1, 12.46 ERA) will be looking for redemption in Saturday's game. His ERA is a little inflated due to only two starts. The Angels currently have not announced a starter but I am going to guess it will be Matt Shoemaker (7-2, 4.38 ERA). He looks like he is a fill in guy like a lot of the Rangers pitchers are. He has been impressive in his last two starts. Let's just hope the Angels don't start Jerad Weaver, their ace. Until Mikolas can prove something to me there is no way I can pick the Rangers with him on the mound. Prediction: Angels 5, Rangers 3.

In Sunday's finale the An-

gels are sending out Tyler Skaggs (4-5, 4.15 ERA). The Rangers have not yet announced who their starter will be. It will most likely be Phil Irwin (0-1, 6.75 ERA) in his second start. The Rangers have started to write this season off as a lost cause. They are just plugging in warm bodies all around when injuries hit to avoid calling up their top prospects before they are ready. It's a smart move in my books. Once again though like with Mikolas I cannot pick a guy who has done terrible in one or two starts before I know how he will bounce back from a bad outing. Prediction: Angels 7, Rangers 5.

Not much has changed in the standings. Here they are as of Wednesday the 9th at noon.

Oakland remains in first at 57-33. (By far the best record in baseball). The Angels are in second at 52-37. Seattle is in third at 49-41. Texas is in fourth at 38-52. Houston is in last at 38-54. If the Rang-

ers drop the last game of the Houston series we are looking at a very real possibility of the Rangers being in the cellar at the All-Star Break.

After the All-Star Break I will start focusing more on prospects and how they are doing in my column as the season is essentially over for Texas right now at 19 games back. Check back next week for the recap of the last five games before the break and my first edition of prospect watch.

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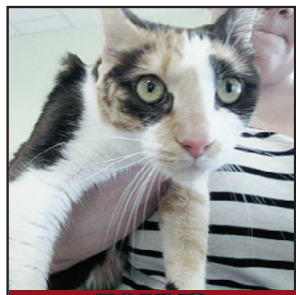


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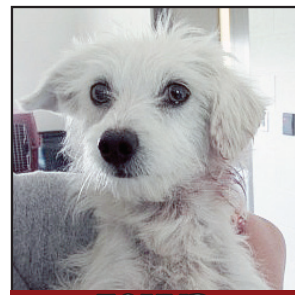


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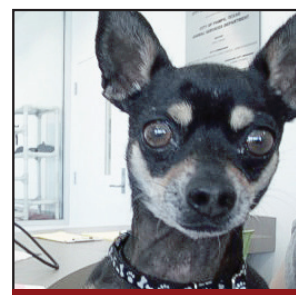
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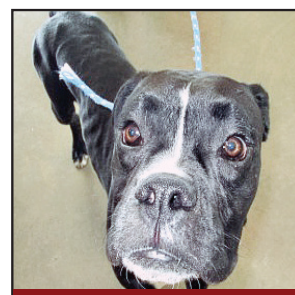


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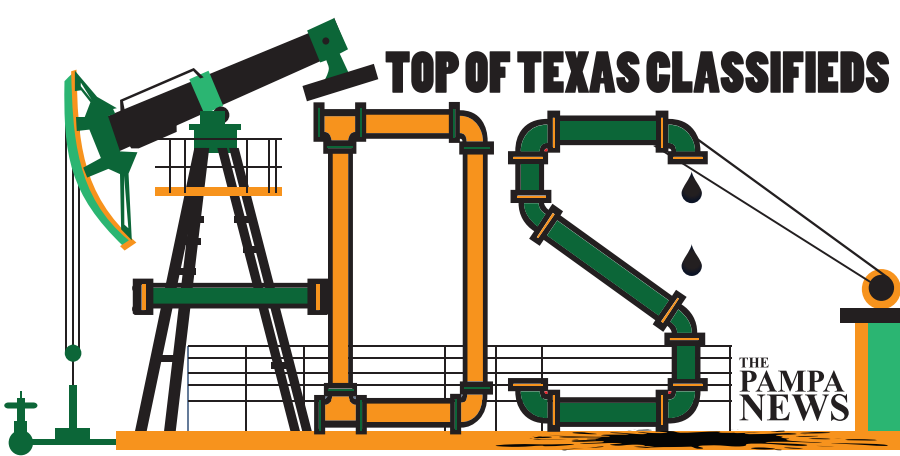
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## Welder Borger Refinery (Job Requisition #00IRF)

### Company Overview:

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- Analysis:** Analyzes problems, situations and circumstances and understands their impact on and risks for the business. Integrates information, guidelines and requirements from different sources to evaluate alternatives and make effective decisions. Draws optimal conclusions from financial, business, quantitative and qualitative information in a timely manner.
- Judgment:** Effectively examines events, issues, and problems and generates solution alternatives. Makes timely and sound on issues and problems by applying accurate logic, appropriate knowledge, expertise and common sense.
- Focus on Others:** Identifies key constituents, creates and/or delivers solutions to others that meet or exceeds as many aspects to their expectations as possible. Identifies opportunities that will benefit others and create value; works in partnership with them to drive the business forward.
- Planning & Execution:** Identifies action steps and develops realistic plans in order to accomplish objectives and goals. Sets standards for, plans for, and improves work performance. Focuses, aligns and optimizes the use of resources to achieve goals. Holds self and/or others accountable of competitive work responsibilities safely, effectively, and efficiently. Demonstrates initiative, works to achieve results, meets or exceeds goals, and acts on opportunities to create value.
- Results Orientation:** Demonstrates and fosters a clear understanding of priorities and a sense of optimism, ownership, and strong commitment to achieving goals and organizational success. Acts with a strong sense of initiative and perseveres to achieve meaningful results in a safe manner.
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### Relocation is not available for this position.

### Basic/Required Qualifications

- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- Must have one of the following: High school diploma or GED equivalent and Code Certified with a minimum of 2 years of experience as a Welder; **OR** a certificate of completion from an accredited Welding program
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Willingness to perform/comply with the following:
  - To work at least an 8-hour rotating shift and up to a 12-hour rotating shift, which includes some weekends and holidays
  - To work overtime
  - To work in enclosed spaces, such as tanks and silos
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  - To climb up to 250 feet in height
  - To lift a minimum of 50 pounds
  - To work around chemicals, including acids and bases
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  - To maintain your face daily so that a respirator/face mask can seal properly (some examples include being free of facial hair and/or clean shaven)
  - To perform firefighting duties
  - To work outside in harsh weather conditions
  - To work with petroleum products that are under high pressure and heat
  - To read technical procedures and materials in English
  - To learn computer software associated with process operations

### Preferred Qualifications

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Yesterday's answer

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend is getting married and asked me to be her maid of honor. She has also asked me to buy an expensive dress, host a lavish shower I'm afraid I can't afford and plan a destination bachelorette party. The cost will be exorbitant.

On top of this, she has asked me to be her "cover" when she lies to her fiancé about where she is. She has admitted to me that she has cheated on him, and I think she's doing it again.

I know it's not my place to question her or tell her what to do, but this has made me hesitant to commit financially to her wedding. Should I talk to her about this? I don't want to lose my best friend, but I also don't want to put my money on the line for someone who isn't being honest. — DRAGGING MY HEELS IN NEW YORK

**DEAR DRAGGING QUESTION YOUR FRIEND OR TELL HER WHAT TO DO, BUT DO CONVEY TO HER THAT YOU CAN'T FUNCTION AS HER MAID OF HONOR BECAUSE YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE COST. AND THE NEXT TIME SHE ASKS YOU TO COVER FOR HER, TELL HER YOU NO LONGER WANT TO BE A PARTY TO DECEIVING HER FIANCE BECAUSE YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE LOOKING HIM IN THE EYE.**

Your best friend sounds like a piece of work, and if it costs you the friendship you won't have lost much. This girl lacks both judgment and character, and you'll be better off to distance yourself. Both of you should mingle with people with whom you have more in common.

**DEAR ABBY:** I don't know where to start so I will just plunge in: I have five kids by five different men. I am not a terrible person. I have a job, take care of my babies and am working toward a degree. But

sometimes I feel like the ultimate loser. I get judged all the time. I'm so ashamed of the choices I have made in life. Will it ever be better? — 5 KIDS, 5 DADS IN OREGON

**DEAR 5-5:** You will see an improvement as soon as you stop beating yourself up over the choices you have made. No one can change the past. All we can do is learn from our mistakes and make a conscious decision not to repeat them. And as to those who judge you, they should judge not, lest they, too, be judged.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband thinks we should snuggle up and sleep together even when we're sick. I think it's common courtesy to keep a respectable distance from loved ones and to clean up after yourself when you have a "bug" that is communicable. I need to stay as healthy as possible to keep up with the needs of our child, the housework and my job while my husband is sick. Your thoughts? — MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD WHO NEEDS A

**MOMMY DEAR MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD:** Your husband may think I'm heartless, but I agree with you. While he may "need" you emotionally, his rational self should accept that with a child in the house and the demands of your job, you need to stay well and functional.

His tissues, meds and a pitcher of water should be by the bed. There should be a wastebasket for his tissues. He should wash his hands before touching anything, and you should use hand sanitizer liberally. You should sleep elsewhere. The "cuddling" can wait until he's no longer contagious.

**P.S. And don't forget to sympathize.**

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## BANANAGRAMS!

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# BP

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has materialized — although the state has purchased the domain name [restorethetexascoast.org](http://restorethetexascoast.org). Meanwhile, attorneys, environmental advocates and local officials say Texas is lagging far behind four other Gulf states in recovery efforts after the disaster.

Asked why the funds remain largely unspent, Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed did not directly respond.

“As you can imagine, the costs for an incident of this magnitude are ongoing, and we continue to work with agencies to determine where use of these funds is appropriate,” Nashed said in an emailed statement.

Jan Fox, a lawyer who represents Harris County and the City of Houston in lawsuits against BP relating to the spill, said it was frustrating to see other states that are more advanced in the recovery process. For instance, Mississippi already has a website related to spill recovery funds that lists the sources of money and allows the public to submit project proposals.

“As a Texan, you’d like to be up front,” Fox said.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had demanded a share of the \$5 million in December 2012. TCEQ commissioner Toby Baker sent a pointed letter to Perry, emphasizing that Texas agencies had been funding oil spill restoration efforts without any outside help.

“Administrative funds are desperately needed to continue this work,” he wrote. In September 2013 — about nine months after Baker’s letter — Perry’s office transferred \$1 million to the TCEQ. About \$51,000 of that has been spent, largely on administrative costs, according to the agency.

Nonprofit environmental groups and local governments said state officials promised for years that they would create a website that would be similar to the one Mississippi has launched. They had hoped for a site that would serve as a “one-stop shop” and show where oil recovery funds were coming from, what they were being spent on and allow the public to

submit proposals.

But the TCEQ recently told groups informally that the “one-stop shop” idea is more of a “long-term vision” for the site. For now, whenever the site launches, it will only include information about recovery funds. The site will not allow proposals from the public.

“What people really want is to say what projects they want. They don’t want to just make comments to a draft plan,” said Amanda Fuller, a Texas policy specialist for the National Wildlife Federation. “They want to actually interact in this process.” The agency said it expects that soon

after the site launches, a “project submission form” will be accessible to the public, but did not specify when.

The \$5 million grant is not the only spill-related money that is in limbo. It is a tiny fraction of the amount of money that will eventually become available to Texas, and TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson said that delays in allocating the rest of the funds have meant that building the website and deciding how to administer the recovery money has taken longer than expected.

Several million dollars in criminal penalties paid by BP have already been

awarded to research institutions in Texas for damage assessment and restoration work. But the rest of the money — hundreds of millions of dollars — is tied up in legal and other disputes. The federal government has been slow to release rules for allocating money that BP will have to pay in civil penalties, and the company is also arguing over the amount of those penalties.

State officials are also holding up the process for receiving another source of funding that should have been available by now — about \$18 million in “early restoration” funds that would go toward artificial

reef projects and redeveloping some Galveston beaches.

The state has been tight-lipped about why it will not sign off on receiving the funds, which are part of a \$1 billion payment BP made to the five Gulf states. The money was supposed to help jump-start restoration efforts while the rest of the funds remain tied up in litigation.

“It’s just a little too early to say at this point what’s going to happen,” said Tom Harvey, a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, one of several agencies involved in negotiations over the early restoration money.

As the negotiations and litigation continue, local officials and organizations eager to do restoration work on the Texas coast are waiting for funds to become available, watching as other states spend millions of dollars.

Dan Alonso, executive director of the nonprofit San Antonio Bay Foundation, said he has grant proposals ready to go to study the impacts of the spill on shorebirds and fishing populations in San Antonio Bay.

“We’re all eyes and ears ... really wanting to know, when is the state going to get this effort launched?” Alonso said.

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# Cleanup from deadly storm starts in Eastern United States

SMITHFIELD, N.Y. (AP) — Residents of this rural central New York town on Wednesday picked through debris from homes battered by a deadly tornado, and utility crews worked to restore power in several Eastern states hit by severe storms.

In all, five people died Tuesday as strong thunderstorms blew down buildings, trees and utility lines and left hundreds of thousands without power into Wednesday.

Madison County Sheriff Allen Riley said Kimberly Hillard, 35; her 4-month-old daughter, Paris Newman; Virginia Warner, 70; and Arnie Allen, 53, were killed in the rural town of Smithfield, between Utica and Syracuse.

He said four homes were destroyed and numerous others were damaged, with Allen's two-story home blown hundreds of feet before it landed on an unoccupied house.

In Manchester, Maryland, a tree fell at the River Valley Ranch summer camp, killing one child and injuring six others headed to a shelter.

Tornadoes also touched down in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Barbara Watson, the meteorologist leading the

weather service survey team in New York, said the Smithfield tornado's winds were at least 100 mph and certainly reached undetermined higher speeds.

Garry Sprague lives across the street from Hillard's property, where three vehicles were partially buried in some of the wreckage from the torn-apart house. Wood from the home's framing and walls was scattered around the lawn, and a hot tub sat amid the rubble.

Sprague's home was untouched, but he said he knew immediately afterward that things were bad at his neighbor's.

"If they were in it, they had to be gone," he said. "You can only assume the worst at that point. This is horrible, just horrible."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said several other central and northern New York counties were damaged but added it was "nothing like what happened here in Madison County."

The scene of the devastation was the latest Cuomo has visited in his nearly four years in office, during which the state has been hit by hurricanes, severe flooding and several damaging tornadoes. He attributes the natural disasters to "a pattern of extreme weather."

"We don't get tornadoes in New York, right?" he said during a news conference in the town public works garage. "Anyone will tell you that. Well, we do now."

Scattered thunderstorms were forecast for upstate New York starting Wednesday afternoon, but no watches or warnings were issued.

Nearly 44,000 utility customers in central and northern New York were still without power at midday Wednesday.

Forecasters confirmed that at least two tornados hit different parts of Pennsylvania, where more than 300,000 customers lost power at the peak of the storms. The weather service said a tornado packing maximum winds estimated at 90 mph touched down Tuesday afternoon near the western Pennsylvania town of Hoagland. Another tornado touched down Tuesday evening near New Albany in the northeastern part of the state. As of Wednesday afternoon, more than 81,500 homes and businesses were still without power in Pennsylvania, more than half of them in the Philadelphia suburbs.

The National Weather Service said three small

tornadoes also touched down in northeastern Ohio, causing minor damage.

In Maryland, the storm blew down two tent canopies that had been erected for Wednesday's 150th anniversary event at the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick, according to Chief Ranger Jeremy Murphy, but the event was held as scheduled.

Utilities in the Baltimore-Washington area reported about 34,000 power outages as of early Wednesday afternoon.

In New Jersey, nearly 5,500 homes and businesses remained without power Wednesday afternoon.

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## Hundreds line up for legal pot in Washington state

SEATTLE (AP) — Surrounded by thousands of packages of marijuana, Seattle's top prosecutor sought some advice: Which one should he buy?

A new day, indeed. Twenty months after voters legalized recreational cannabis for adults over 21, Washington state's first few licensed pot shops opened for business Tuesday, catering to hundreds of customers who lined up outside, thrilled to be part of the historic moment.

The pot being sold at four stores in Seattle, Bellingham, Prosser and Spokane was regulated, tested for

impurities, heavily taxed and in short supply — such short supply that several other shops couldn't open because they had nothing to sell.

Pete Holmes, Seattle's elected city attorney and a main backer of the state's recreational marijuana law, said he wanted to be one of the first customers to demonstrate there are alternatives to the nation's failed drug war.

"This is a tectonic shift in public policy," he said. "You have to honor it. This is real. This is legal. This is a wonderful place to purchase marijuana where it's

out of the shadows."

Dressed in a pinstripe suit, Holmes stood inside Seattle's first and, for now, only licensed pot shop, Cannabis City, south of downtown. The shop was sweltering. He fanned himself with a state-produced pamphlet titled "Marijuana Use in Washington State: An Adult Consumer's Guide."

Unsure what to buy, he asked the owner of the company that grew it, Nine Point Growth Industries of Bremerton, who recommended OG's Pearl. The strain tested at 21.5 percent THC, marijuana's main psychoactive compound.

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