



"There won't be any Katrinas, Gustavs or Ikes in my administration."

**BARACK OBAMA**  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, EXPLAINING THAT HE WILL OUTLAW NATURAL DISASTERS

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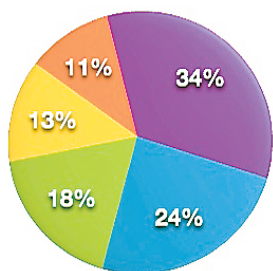
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Super Bowl pre-game show begins this weekend

Hurricane Ike destroys pigs' homes built with sticks and straw

Mozart composition found, sounds just like Miley Cyrus' latest single

READERS RESPOND:  
What Makes You Happy About Summer's End?



- Sick of all the daylight
- Low thermostat settings build character
- No more fireworks
- No more Pirates games
- Looking forward to Live Team Coverage of the first few snow flurries

# AIRPORT DESIGNATED OFFICIAL 'GHOST TOWN'

It's official: The Pittsburgh International Airport was named a ghost town this morning by the Department of the Interior in recognition of its severely declining air traffic.

Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato applauded the designation, saying it should boost interest in the moribund 16-year-old facility.

"We can make the airport vibrant again by turning it into a tourist attraction, just as other ghost towns in western states have done. People will flock to the airport precisely because no one goes there anymore," Onorato explained.

Onorato also said he plans to turn every bar and tavern in Western Pennsylvania into "ghost towns" by continuing the 10 percent drink tax.



## Obama stop destroys Miniature Railroad & Village

The Miniature Railroad and Village is in ruins today after being destroyed when Barack Obama's size 11 shoes trampled almost every building and wiped out virtually the entire population of miniature plastic citizens during a campaign stop.

Half-inch tall plastic blacksmith Julius Little, one of a handful of survivors, said the destruction was worth it.

"Obama gave an incredibly inspirational speech about hope — just before he wiped out the village."



## GULF TOWER BEACON SPELLS OUT S.O.S. IN MORSE CODE

Mayor Ravenstahl advised Pittsburghers "not to read too much" into the fact that the beacon at the top of the pyramid of the Gulf Tower, which usually gives weather forecasts, recently started flashing SOS, the international Morse code distress signal.

"If it causes some passing plane to stop to lend us assistance, well, of course, we won't refuse it," the mayor said.



## Hear da JUDGE

By the Hon. Rufus Peckham  
Editor of Carbolic Smoke Ball

**Dear Judge:** My husband refuses to travel to upstate New York with me next month to see the fall foliage. The entire trip would be less than \$1,000. I think he's being selfish. What do you think?

— Carol, Pleasant Hills

**Dear Carol:** No need to travel so far. You can come to my house next month and rake "the fall foliage" from my front yard, and I'll only charge you \$500. It'll be a hands-on experience — much better than merely looking. Oh, by the way: your husband's being quite reasonable.

**Dear Judge:** My last child went off to college several weeks ago, and I didn't expect to be so lonely. Any advice on how I can stop feeling so empty?

— Wendy, Pittsburgh

**Dear Wendy:** Yes, barbecue potato chips. And buy a turtle, dear.

**To Chad in Pittsburgh:** No, I'm not worried if America's ready for a woman VP. Now, an Irishman with hair plugs — well, that's a different story.

