



Henry sheepishly admits to blowing state budget surplus at Indian casino

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OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – Gov. Brad Henry lowered his eyes and spoke softly last week, as he finally admitted to blowing the state's 2005 budget surplus at an Indian casino.

Appearing before State Auditor and Inspector Jeff McMahon, Henry explained how he had been "feeling lucky" since the passage of Oklahoma's education lottery.

Earlier this year, Office of State Finance Director Scott Meacham stated that rising income and sales tax collections would continue to exceed expectations. Shortly after Meacham's announcement, Henry disappeared.

The governor confessed that he had felt entitled to celebrate the good news at the Winstar Casino, a facility outside of Thackerville operated by The Chickasaw Nation.

This year, gambling operations at Indian casinos have massively expanded under new compacts negotiated with the governor. Tribal casinos are now allowed to offer video poker, the "crack cocaine" of gambling.

Henry, his judgment impaired by two cherry limeades, was drawn into high stakes video poker. In a casino mix-up, gambling debts were accidentally billed to the state's expense account.

By his fourth limeade, Henry was belligerently screaming "Let it ride!" at the machine, blowing the state's entire 2005 budget surplus in approximately six hours.

"By the time I found him, it was too late," said Meacham. "Income, sales tax, lottery revenue, he had lost it all."

State operations are expected to slow as agencies adjust their budget requests to the news. The governor has agreed to stand in a corner and think about what he did.

Rural lawmakers backing proposal to castrate state attorney general

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – A group of rural legislators is pushing a bill that would require the surgical castration of the state attorney general. Proponents say the measure would prevent attorney general from repeatedly offending the state's factory farming industry.

The legislation modifies an earlier bill, by Sen. Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, that would require the surgical castration of convicted rapists.

While Shurden's bill was facing opposition from sissy "human rights" groups, Attorney General Drew Edmondson was preparing an attack on the state's farming community. Last year, Edmondson announced lawsuits against several companies accused of violating water emissions standards.

Rural lawmakers leapt into action, forcing through legislation that would require the attorney general to beg every time he wanted to sue someone. Sen. Owen Laughlin, R-Woodward, said castration would further prevent Edmondson from asserting himself.

"It's the only way he'll learn his place," lawmakers argued.

Upon learning of the bill, Edmondson announced he was taking his dolls and going home.

Nichols Hills seeking Legislature's help to manage growing number of assholes

FRIDAYLAND (OP) – An Oklahoma City suburb is overrun with assholes, and now a state representative is asking for help from the Legislature.

Rep. Fred Morgan, R-Oklahoma City, says the city of Nichols Hills can no longer hold all of the assholes within its borders.

Nichols Hills is the cornerstone of Oklahoma's "Fridayland" community, a collection of affluent neighborhoods known for containing much of the metro area's wealth, as well as most of its biggest assholes.

Jay Flippen, an Oklahoma City pizza delivery driver, often passes through Nichols Hills in the course of his job. He says that, between ridiculously low speed limits and fascist law enforcement, the city was definitely overrun.

"There's no question, they're the biggest bunch of assholes I've ever seen," said Flippen.

While officials debate exactly how many assholes are in Nichols Hills, most conservative estimates 70 to 90 percent, depending on whether or not Casady High School is included.

One plan for alleviating the overflow would redirect the assholes to Edmond, where they could exist peacefully among members of their own kind. However, Edmond lawmakers are resisting the proposal, saying there are up to their eyeballs in assholes as it is.

However, there may be other ways of dealing with the surplus.

Gaillardia, a housing development in far northwest Oklahoma City, touts itself as the city's first community developed "by assholes, for assholes." Unlike Nichols Hills, Gaillardia is located far from the central city, surrounded by high walls and gates that effectively to keep it isolated from the general population.

Morgan said these "gated communities" have proven effective at containing the problem, noting that such measures had largely kept assholes from spreading south of NW 63rd St. in Oklahoma City.