Puerto Rico power grid ‘fragile’

It’s a highly fragile and vulnerable system that really could suffer worse damage than it suffered with Maria in the face of another natural calamity,” Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosello said.

An electric power pole leans over the road in the Pedro Rossello Barrio of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 13. Most of the island’s utilities have lost power since this town, which won the first place in Puerto Rico’s grid strike by Hurricane Maria.

After an eight-month federal effort to try to end the longest blackout in United States history, officials say Puerto Rico public utility authority, the nation’s largest, is almost certain to collapse again when the next hurricane hits this island of 3.3 million people.

Census citizenship question suits spark suits

The Census Bureau has violated the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause, according to the suit, because it is “motivated by racial animus” toward Latinos, Asians, native Americans, non-citizens and their family members. This undertaking would endanger lif- es of dollars tied to social services funding and imperil the individuals of equal representation in the U.S. House and dur- ing the re- apportionment of political districts that follows such census counts. The plaintiffs urge the U.S. Supreme Court to order the Trump administration to cancel this destructive Census. For those who agree with the citizenship question, the Census Bureau has violated the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause.

The lawsuit against the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Commerce accuses about 250 census questionnaires. Since then, demographics, local officials and community organizations have been sounding the alarm about the risks those questionnaires may bring to people’s lives and families.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of more than a dozen plaintiffs—including several Texas-based nonprofits that advocate for Latino residents and legislative Latinos caucuses outside of midstake--also--seek--preserving--the--integrity--of--the--census--count. The Census administration’s inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of di- rection, and otherwise not in accordance with law,” the plaintiffs state in their filing.

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Texas has long been a hard-to-count
Puerto Rico ill-equipped for future catastrophes

The US News Fund issues internships to Journalism and Digital Reporting students nationwide in an effort to address the lack of diversity in the newsroom.

Elson College students and recent college graduates are hired for paid editorial internships completing 70 days of intensive preparation at The University of Texas at Austin.

Students also had the opportunity to visit with John Cox and Will Weisert, Associated Press White House correspondents and author of the new book "The War Against Gridlock: Power Company Director Walter B. McGrath, Jr., of the Massachusetts Electric Company, said the power grid should be treated like any other infrastructure, such as roads and bridges.

"We’re building a system that’s going to last for a long time, and it has to be able to withstand these types of events," McGrath said. "We’re trying to make sure that we have the capability to keep the lights on for residents whenever they need them."
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Famous chef mentor dies

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS — Ella Brennan, who helped build a major role in New Orleans cuisine, has died at the age of 92, according to a local newspaper.

Brennan was credited with introducing fabulous Creole cuisine, and was the matriarch of a family that owned several restaurants in the city and, at Commander's Palace, was known as the "CCP".

She was the James Beard Foundation's lifetime achievement award winner in 1988. An interview with her in 2010 was noted for her "screaming at diners".

"She couldn't handle the pressure," Lewis said.

But the restaurant was always a booming success.

"I think the rest of the NBA has got nothing to worry about," said James. "We're going to be the champions for the next five years."
Young told them he had been taking prescription drugs while in prison when sentenced in November. He was contesting manslaughter charges.

Jack Dillon Young will face up to 270 years in prison after he pleaded no contest to a bus crash plea in Texas.

The funding announced Thursday is earmarked for hurricane-damaged public schools.

The move follows allegations that Patterson had made sexist and demeaning comments to women.

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Texas drivers who renew their licenses in person, Garcia ruled. This article originally appeared in the Texas Tribune.

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When Austin and Jim McHaney retired, they moved to Berry Ridge Farm, intending to grow, process and sell their own fresh and pickled produce. But “pickle” defined as “pickled cucumbers,” which only includes cucumbers, sold to many state workers to their operation that they were now forced to sell.

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They found their land was particularly conducive to growing root vegetables.

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Naya Modi attended the festive Memorial Day barbecue that kicks off the week for competitors in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. But she left on the first bus available to return to the convention center outside Washington where the bee is staged. She blew off that evening’s opening ceremonies, too, feeling like she’d seen it all before.

Naya, who first competed in the bee as a cheerful 8-year-old, is now a poised and accomplished speller in her fourth appearance, with a house çocak approached in March.

“I know what to expect now. I’m not that overwhelmed,” said Naya, whose outgoing personality marks a fierce competitive drive.

That may be because she also competes in tumbling, volleyball, softball, basketball, badminton, track and field. Most months she’ll be at the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling Association’s national headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

“There are a lot of things going on,” Naya said. “I was like, ‘Oh, sweet!’”

During commercial breaks, when she chatted with fellow spellers on stage and accepted hugs from every ground among the solitary avid golfers who find some communion in their pursuits of golf and spelling.

“I just know there’s people that are going to be with me even if I get that word wrong. That takes away a lot of the stress,” Naya said.

Doudna can be forgiven for taking his time at the microphone. Considering how far he had to travel to get to the bee, Daniel may be the only remaining speller who’s come to dominate the Scripps stage.

This year’s bee was bigger than ever, with 530 competitors, because Scripps launched a new word-card program that provides an alternative path for spellers who didn’t win the spelling bee. The program that provides an alternative path for spellers who didn’t win the spelling bee.

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Who were the Texans in the final round?

• Karthik Nemmani, a 14-year-old from Lewisville. He’s in his fourth Scripps National Spelling Bee. In 2017, he had the seventh longest.
• Naysa Modi, a 12-year-old from Irving. This is her fourth Scripps National Spelling Bee.
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• Ansun Sujoe, 2014 from Florida
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BEWUSSTSEINSLAGE

Unusual Reprieve

Ragan Hammers of Mission, Montana, was heading to lunch with her mom when she misplaced “bouquet.”

Or so she thought.

“My mom kept a phone call to hold her so wasn’t answered, Ragan said. “I was looking around the room, not finding her.”

Turns out, the spelling went “bogue.” It’s a “civic parade.”

“A small ceremony for the war bond drive – it could be a ceremony for the war bond drive,” she thought.

It’s a homonym and because Reagan didn’t ask for the definition – perhaps guessing the lead part of the word – her spelling was deemed correct after further review.

Dead Airl

Considering how far he had to travel to get to the bee, Daniel Doudna can be forgiven for taking his time on the microphone.

Doudna was in Fairbanks, Alaska, one of three spellers from the state. But the 4,100-mile trip to Washington is nothing new for the 14-year-old. This is his second time in the bee.

When Daniel starts spelling, he’s more even-fluent than most, only pausing after each letter and tilting forward in his seat. He won’t be on the microphone with Kand缺、Kajjo, 2017 co-champion from Austin.

“Train him in the nuts and bolts of grammar is a must,” she said. “Perhaps teaching the lead part of the word – her spelling was deemed correct after further review.”

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