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Bay County Sheriff's Office deputies Alex Young and Jared Waker watch Hurricane Michael from the Thomas Drive fire station. [PATTI BLAKE / THE NEWS HERALD]

Residents recount poor conditions at Panama City hurricane shelter

Red Cross shelter at Northside Elementary draws complaints

By Patrick McCreless
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PANAMA CITY — Chris Fillyaw just wants to get out. Since Tuesday the Panama City man, his brother and his mother have been at Northside Elementary School, set up by the American Red Cross as a

shelter for victims of Hurricane Michael. He hasn't enjoyed his stay much so far. "I was sleeping outside since Tuesday because it was so hot, but then yesterday they told me I couldn't sleep outside," Fillyaw said outside the school Saturday morning. "People sweat all night in the hallways ... you can just see the beads of sweat on people." Fillyaw is one of hundreds of people living in the shelter

since the hurricane ripped through Bay County, damaging or destroying many homes in its wake. Some residents say the shelter has been poorly staffed so far, with basic necessities like proper food, water, working toilets, beds and medication coming slowly, or not at all. "It's unsanitary conditions ... unhealthy living conditions, that's what bothers me the most,"

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Crews work on power lines along East Cove Drive. [PATTI BLAKE / THE NEWS HERALD]

Gulf Power: Restoration may take weeks in Panama City

News Herald Staff Report

PANAMA CITY — Power restoration east of the Hathaway Bridge, in Panama City, Callaway, Parker, Lynn Haven, Youngstown and surrounding areas could take weeks, according to Gulf Power.

West of the Hathaway Bridge in Panama City Beach,

power is estimated to be restored much earlier.

The west end of the Beach, west of Highway 79, should have power back on by midnight Sunday.

Panama City Beach and Bay County east of Highway 79 to the Hathaway Bridge should have power back on

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'An army of aid'



Lee Majors, 51, a lieutenant with the Leon County Sheriff's Office salutes the American flag after fixing it to a pole Friday in Mexico Beach, Fla. Residents of the small beach town of Mexico Beach began to make their way back to their homes some for the first time after Hurricane Michael made landfall Wednesday.

[CHRIS URSO/TAMPA BAY TIMES VIA AP]

Massive hurricane relief effort in Bay County

By Katie Landeck
Panama City News Herald

PANAMA CITY — A recovery effort of unprecedented magnitude is being staged out of parking lot trailers, damaged buildings and AT&T "burner" cellphones as work begins to rebuild Bay County in the wake of Hurricane Michael.

The parking lots of the 23rd Street Target and Panama City Mall were full Saturday with hundreds of vehicles from all over the Southeast — sheriff's offices, power crews, firefighters, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, telecommunications and military — literally staging an army of aid.

At the center of it was the Bay County Sheriff's Department trailer — a little damaged from fallen storm debris, but still going strong as the hub of law enforcement operations after two days of search and rescue efforts.

Meetings were continuously being held outside, and officials, such as Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, were in and out.

"I just got off the phone with Verizon, and they are working hard," Patronis said.

Verizon is the main cellphone provider for the area, and the lack of service — due to much of the infrastructure, such as underground fiber-optic cables, being severely impacted — has added another layer of complication to recovery efforts, making it difficult for anyone to communicate.

AT&T and some other cellphone providers are maintaining limited service.

At this time, there is no official death count from the hurricane, Patronis said. But, he added, "with a storm of this magnitude there is going to be loss of life."

The Health Department is starting to create a data base of survivors that people will be able to use to check that



A heavily damaged building is seen in Panama City after Hurricane Michael on Friday. [MICHAEL SNYDER/DAILY NEWS]



A truck passes a damaged building in west Panama City on Friday. [MICHAEL SNYDER/DAILY NEWS]

"Tell loved ones to stay put (outside the disaster area)."

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis

status of relatives in hard-hit areas. For more information, go to Patronis' Twitter page, @JimmyPatronis.

All of the state roads in the area are expected to be cleared by the end of Saturday, which should help speed up the re-entry process.

People with identification showing they are Bay County residents, or have a verifiable reason for coming, are

being allowed in, according to Patronis.

On the east side of the Hathaway Bridge it likely will be weeks before power and water services are restored. If people have a safe place outside the county to stay, officials are recommending they do not return.

"Tell loved ones to stay put (outside the disaster area)," Patronis said.

'We will get through this'

Panama City radio stations help with hurricane relief

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PANAMA CITY — When parts of Panama City and surrounding areas were demolished, tens of thousands of residents were cut off from the outside world.

People who evacuated were unable to get back to check on their homes or loved ones. Some of those who rode out the storm were trapped in their homes without food, water and other necessities.

Electric and phone lines were down and search-and-rescue efforts had only just begun. But somehow, a local radio station served as a beacon of hope for those needing help.

"You feel good because you're helping; you're doing something," Tess Connell, a morning DJ on 92.5 WPAP, said of the overwhelming number of calls the station received Friday. "I know that feeling of helplessness is debilitating. But at the same time, it makes you realize just how bad some of these people's situations are."

iHeart Media stations 92.5 WPAP, Sunny 98.5 and 96 Rock simultaneously broadcast non-stop information about Hurricane Michael relief efforts. According to DJ Dr. Shane Collins, they were staying on the air with Wifi signal and generator power.

Because the radio station's phone lines were down, Collins gave his personal cellphone number to those needing help or to let their loved ones know they were OK. People called and texted him throughout the day looking for loved ones or giving their addresses, asking if someone could bring them food and water.

A local soccer coach called begging for help to find his elderly parents in Lynn Haven. His father has ALS, and they rode out the storm in their home. When he came to check on them, he found their home completely gone and his parents nowhere to be found.

A Wewahitchka resident called to say his parents' life alert keeps going off, but he can't find them. A Panama City resident messaged the station saying they were stuck in their

"I want to thank you for allowing me to come into your home, into your radio. ... Thank you for being the loving, giving, hardworking Americans that I know. ... Don't you get down; help is on the way."

Dr. Shane Collins, DJ on Panama City's 92.5 WPAP

home and they desperately needed food and water.

State Sen. George Gainer was using the Panama City radio station building as a communication point to speak with local authorities and state officials. He occasionally came on the air to give updates.

Friday morning, Gainer had some good news: Verizon was repairing cell towers and phone service would be back up soon.

But the good news was scarce. News of destruction was constant.

Paco, a 96 Rock DJ, was using the iHeart Radio van to find and rescue people when he was able. On air, he explained how he had gone out to neighborhoods and taken people to shelters.

Paco's home was damaged. He said as he got choked up, but that didn't matter now.

"Right now, it's not about if you got damaged, it's about how much damage you got," Paco said of Panama City's condition.

"We're able to go out as much as we can, but we have to conserve fuel as well," Connell said. "We're taking six-hour air shifts. ... When we can go back out, we will announce that if people see a iHeart Radio vehicle to wave it down."

As they got word of what stores were open, where search-and-rescue efforts were taking place and locations of where people could pick up donations, they shared what they had.

"I want to thank you for allowing me to come into your home, into your radio," Collins said on air just before noon. "Thank you for being the loving, giving, hardworking Americans that I know. ... Don't you get down; help is on the way."

"Side by side, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, brother and sister. We will get through this."



Dr. Shane Collins, DJ on Panama City's 92.5 WPAP, is seen in his iHeart Radio studio in 2016. He and his co-workers used their radio station Friday to communicate with people affected by Hurricane Michael. [ANDREW WARDLOW/NEWS HERALD]

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The aftermath of Michael



A sign reads "Looters will be shot" outside of a business on Oct. 12, in Panama City, Fla. [PHOTOS BY PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



The Jinks Middle School gym is missing walls on Oct. 11, in Panama City.



Hurricane Michael hit Panama City Beach, Fla. on Oct. 10.



A man walks past an overturned trailer moments after the wind advisory was lifted following Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10, in Panama City, Fla.

SHELTER

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said Cynthia Larson, a certified nurse practitioner, who has stayed at the shelter all week because the hurricane severely damaged her house near Rutherford High School. "It is a certified shelter supposedly ... but it is not."

Larson said that in the days since the shelter opened, many of the toilet have clogged, overflowing with human waste that hasn't been cleaned up.

"Children are running around barefoot ... someone is going to pick up E. coli (an intestinal bacteria)," Larson said.

Larson, who also has terminal cancer, said Red Cross workers told her she's the only person at the shelter with any kind of medical license.

"There is no defibrillator here ... I'm the only person here that I know who can perform CPR," Larson said. "There's no special food for diabetics or cardiac patients ... they were asking me the other day if I could write

prescriptions for some of these patients."

Attempts to reach Red Cross officials for comment Saturday were unsuccessful. A Red Cross worker at the shelter said she was not allowed to speak with the media. She also said media were not allowed to walk through the halls of the shelter, but could talk to people sitting outside.

In the lobby of the school on Saturday morning, the stinging odor of human waste was in the air.

An elderly shelter resident could be heard complaining to a Red Cross worker about the uncleanliness of the bathrooms. Rows of people on cots that lined both sides of hallways in the building were also visible.

A Red Cross shelter worker, who declined to give her name because she wasn't allowed to speak with the media, said there were 300 people at the school, but it had housed as many as 600 hurricane survivors. She said the Red Cross has three shelters in Panama City and 27 across all hurricane-impacted areas, with a capacity of 6,000 people.

The shelter worker said

there was no timeline for how long the shelters would be open.

"The way they've treated us, I'm not going to continue to donate," Fillyaw said of Red Cross.

Fillyaw said portable toilets had only recently arrived at the shelter. And, he said, everyone had to sleep on the floor for the first two or three nights at the shelter.

Food and water supplies had improved, he said, but still weren't great.

Fillyaw said that on Friday, the Red Cross grilled burgers and hot dogs at the shelter for military personnel and other volunteers. Shelter residents weren't allowed any of the grilled food, though, and were given tortillas with a little cheese in them, he said.

"It wasn't even good cheese, it was block cheese that wouldn't even melt," Fillyaw said with a laugh. "At least they could have grilled all that other food farther away from us so we didn't have to smell it."

Susan Schneider, living at the shelter with her husband, Henry, and five children, said the food has been sub-par.

"My kids barely ate the

tortillas with the cheese in the middle," Schneider said. "We're not dealing, not too good at all."

Schneider said the family had been at the shelter since Tuesday. They had been living at the Aqua View Motel in Panama City Beach for the last month, but can't return now that Henry Schneider has no income. Schneider said he's a mechanic at a local automotive shelter.

"I haven't been able to contact anyone at my work," he said. "I don't know when I'll be able to go back to work."

The family had to sleep on the floor the first few nights, but have since received cots. "Things are getting better," Schneider said. "They are stepping things up now."

Fillyaw said he would much rather take his family to his grandmother's home in Mississippi, but has no vehicle to get there.

Fillyaw said he's tried to find a way to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get some kind of voucher for transport.

"We've gotten no information on what FEMA's doing," he said. "I don't need money, I just need a way out of here."

POWER

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by midnight Monday.

Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties are estimated to be restored by midnight, Oct. 19.

"We're committed to getting the entire community up and running as soon as possible," said Jeff Rogers, Gulf Power spokesperson. "It's important for our customers to understand that it's going to take longer in some areas to rebuild our electrical system — some of our major line infrastructure is located in heavily wooded areas or is difficult to access."

There are currently 90,898 Gulf Power customers without power in their service area, and all of them are in the Panama City area, according to spokesperson Kimberly Blair. Blair added that 4,947 customers had power restored overnight Friday.

Scenes from Michael



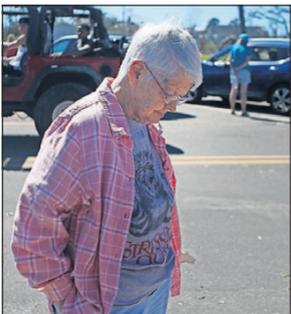
Hundreds stand in line at Sonny's BBQ in Lynn Haven on Oct. 12. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



A city worker moves debris on Oct. 11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



The side wall of a thrift store is missing on Oct. 12 in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Gail Brown waits for supplies outside of the Lynn Haven City Hall on Oct. 12 in Lynn Haven, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Central Pentecostal Ministries shows storm related damage on Oct. 12 in Lynn Haven, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



A billboard stands in pieces moments after the wind advisory was lifted following Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10 in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Trees block the intersection of Orange plaza and Banyon street moments after the wind advisory was lifted following Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10 in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



The Chambers at Lynn Haven City Hall shows significant storm damage from Hurricane Michael on Oct. 12 in Panama City, Fla. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



Firefighters work to clear the roadway on 11th street on Oct. 11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



A man walks a bicycle down 11th Street on Oct. 11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD]



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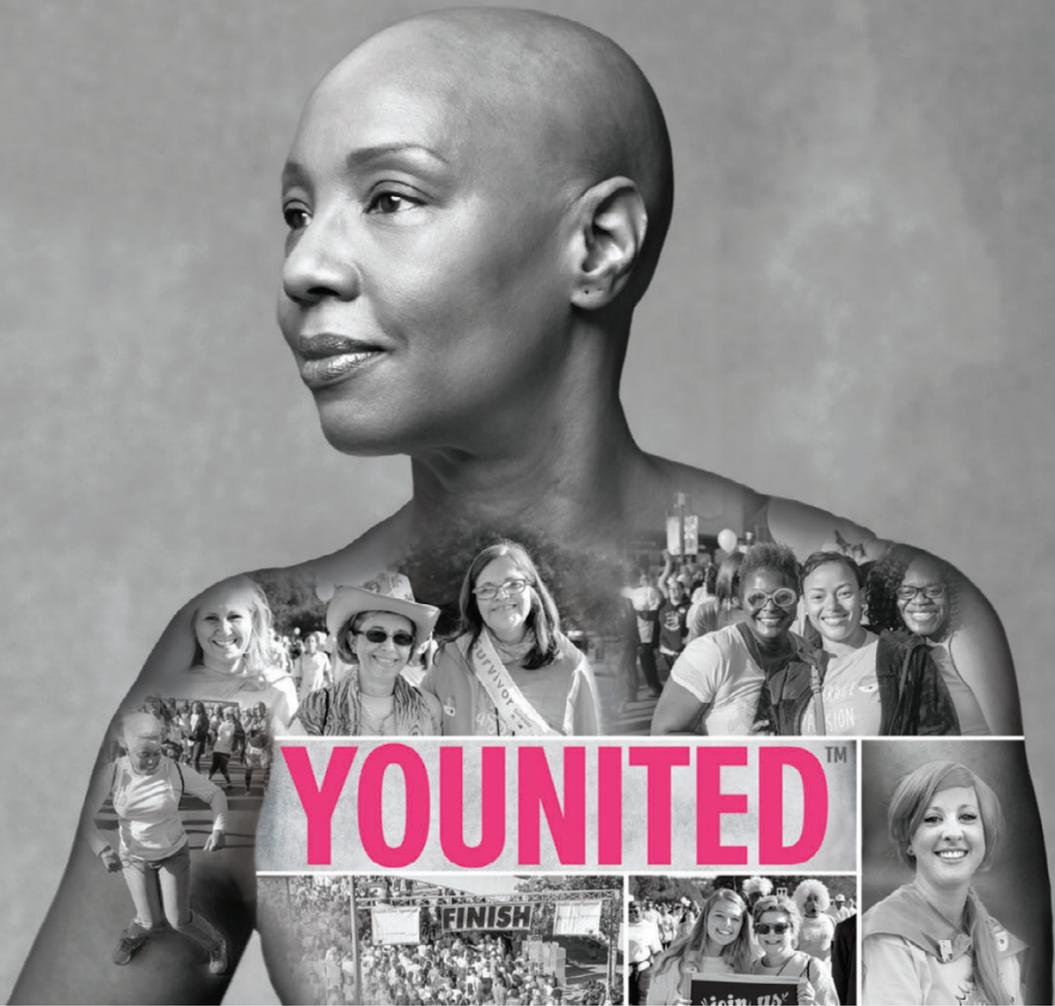
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Depression



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According to the CDC, every 2 hours and 11 minutes someone in the United States commits suicide. That's more than 10 people per day. Veterans are even more affected by suicide

with over 22 people committing suicide per day. Unfortunately, suicide is the 4th leading cause of death in the United States and Bay County ranks third in the state per capita in suicide.

These depression screenings will be performed by a mental health professional and will be completely confidential. The goal of these screenings is to provide people with mental health needs with help they need, while also making residents aware of the different services available in our community. The three locations offering the free screenings are:

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City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Clearwater	90/77/s	89/77/pc	Lakeland	91/75/t	91/73/t
Daytona Beach	87/75/pc	88/73/pc	Melbourne	90/78/pc	90/78/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	88/82/pc	89/82/pc	Miami	89/80/pc	89/81/pc
Gainesville	91/71/s	91/70/t	Naples	90/74/sh	91/75/t
Jacksonville	88/72/s	89/72/t	Ocala	91/72/s	92/69/t
Jupiter	88/79/pc	88/79/pc	Okeechobee	89/74/sh	89/74/pc
Key Largo	87/81/pc	87/81/s	Orlando	90/75/t	91/74/t
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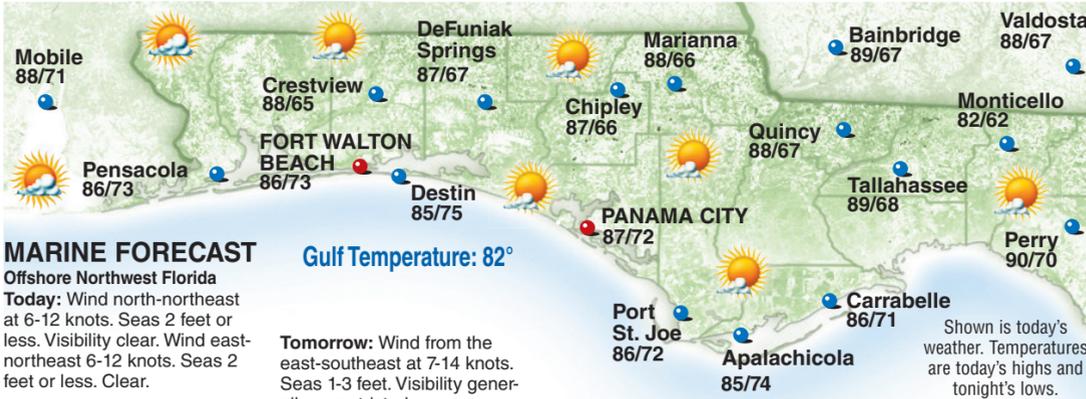
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Baghdad	102/75/pc	100/75/pc	Mexico City	74/56/pc	74/57/t
Berlin	74/50/s	73/48/pc	Montreal	53/42/pc	54/37/r
Bermuda	80/73/sh	79/70/pc	Nassau	88/77/pc	89/79/pc
Hong Kong	82/76/pc	83/74/s	Paris	78/60/r	73/54/pc
Jerusalem	77/61/s	75/61/pc	Rome	75/57/s	76/60/pc
Kabul	72/42/s	65/43/pc	Tokyo	65/61/r	66/60/c
London	63/51/r	60/50/pc	Toronto	57/44/pc	55/37/sh
Madrid	64/48/t	64/48/pc	Vancouver	57/42/s	59/44/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	65/35/r	44/34/c	Memphis	75/63/r	65/47/r
Anchorage	49/38/pc	45/42/r	Milwaukee	54/36/c	48/33/pc
Atlanta	80/63/pc	84/66/pc	Minneapolis	42/30/pc	44/35/s
Baltimore	62/54/pc	73/52/sh	Nashville	70/64/r	68/49/r
Birmingham	84/66/pc	85/62/c	New Orleans	88/76/pc	87/76/pc
Boston	59/46/s	64/49/c	New York City	59/52/s	68/50/sh
Charlotte	68/58/sh	80/65/c	Oklahoma City	58/36/sh	48/38/c
Chicago	57/38/c	48/32/pc	Philadelphia	61/53/pc	71/51/sh
Cincinnati	56/52/r	58/35/r	Phoenix	75/61/pc	78/59/s
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Dallas	79/44/sh	46/43/r	St. Louis	60/41/r	50/36/sh
Denver	26/12/sn	41/22/s	Salt Lake City	48/29/s	51/33/s
Detroit	59/46/c	54/35/pc	San Antonio	88/58/t	61/49/r
Honolulu	86/74/pc	85/75/pc	San Diego	72/61/pc	79/59/s
Houston	90/73/pc	77/59/r	San Francisco	75/55/s	77/52/s
Indianapolis	59/49/c	52/33/r	Seattle	65/44/s	65/45/s
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REGIONAL WEATHER



MARINE FORECAST

Offshore Northwest Florida
Today: Wind north-northeast at 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear. Wind east-northeast 6-12 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Clear.
Tomorrow: Wind from the east-southeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted.

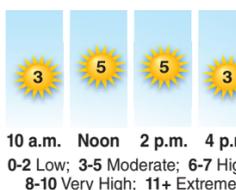
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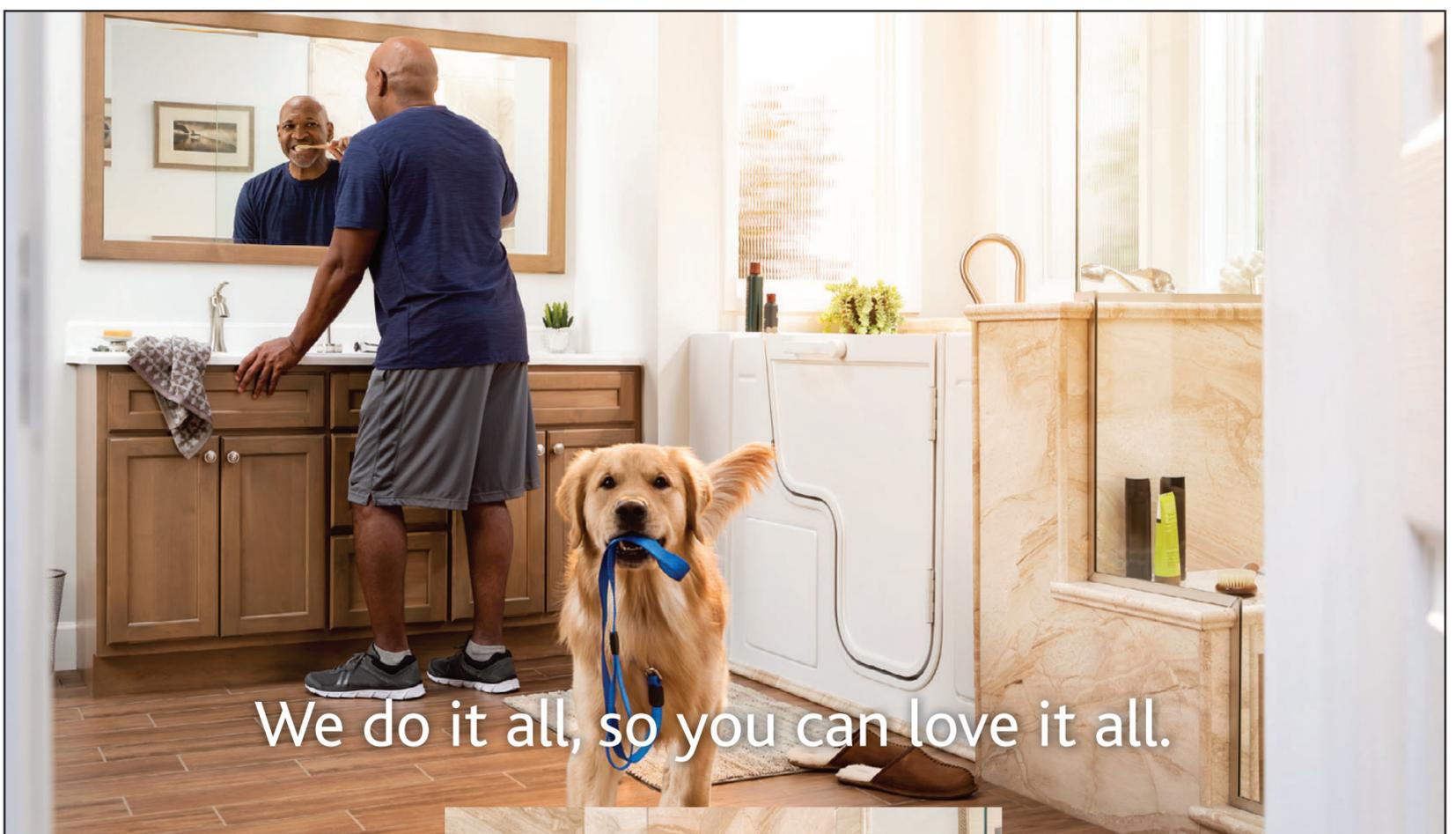
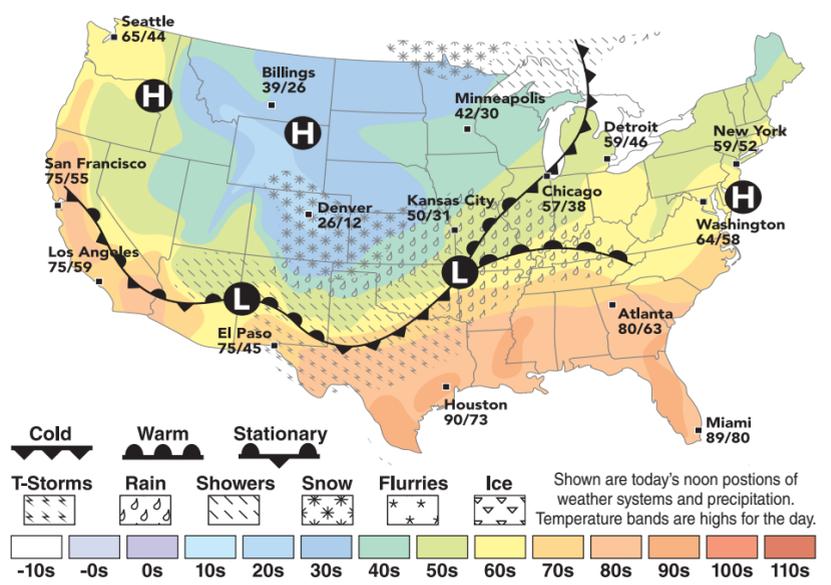
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Milton	3:23a	3:04p
East Bay	2:27a	2:34p
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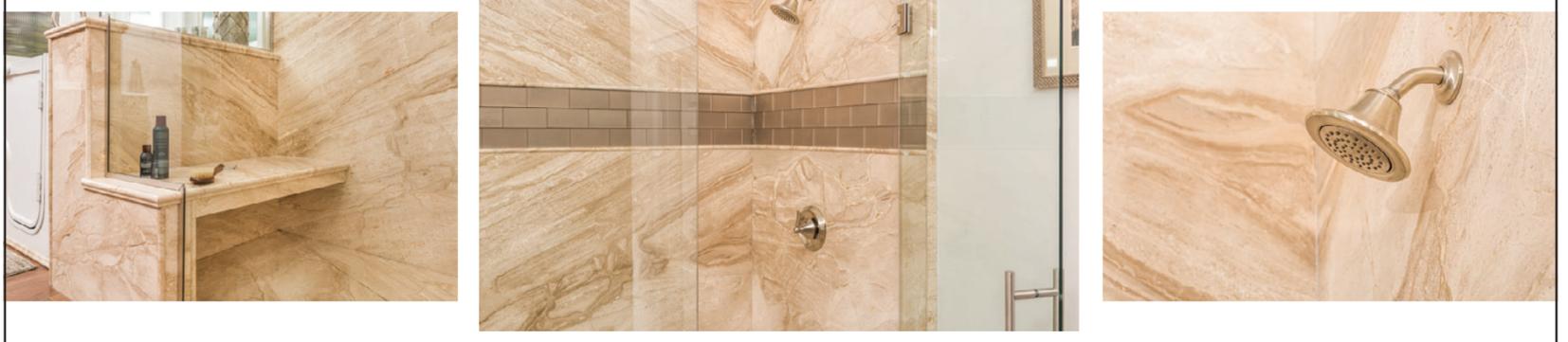
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Relief and recovery supplies coming to Tyndall

Hurlburt Field, Travis AFB among first bases to help in recovery efforts

By Jim Thompson
GateHouse Media Florida

TYNDALL AFB — Relief and recovery supplies have been coming in to the base as the installation, devastated by Hurricane Michael, works to re-emerge from the rubble.

A team of Special Tactics airmen from Hurlburt Field, specially trained to open airfields, opened a runway Thursday at Tyndall Air Force Base. Six minutes after the runway was cleared at 7 p.m., the first aircraft to land at Tyndall since the hurricane blew through Wednesday was on the ground at the base. The first planes into Tyndall were two CV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft loaded with relief supplies and additional Special Tactics personnel.

"Once the airfield was established, three MC-130H Combat Talon IIs from the 15th Special Operations Squadron (based at Hurlburt Field) were rerouted to Tyndall during their return from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, where they sought shelter during the storm," according to a Friday news release from the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field.

The three aircraft "landed personnel and equipment to restore communications and assist in search, rescue and recovery efforts, before returning to Hurlburt Field," according to the news release.

On Friday, 1st Special Operations Wing aircraft returned to Tyndall, flying

in with a mobile kitchen which will be operated by airmen assigned to the 823rd Red Horse Squadron, an engineering and repair unit from Hurlburt Field.

"Additionally, some members of Team Tyndall who stayed behind during Hurricane Michael to perform emergency management functions were flown to Hurlburt Field aboard a C-146 assigned to the 492nd Special Operations Wing, where they will have warm food, access to clean water and safe lodging," according to the 1st SOW news release.

In addition to the Hurlburt Field aircraft, response forces from the Air Force's Air Mobility Command at Travis Air Force Base in California have landed at Tyndall, bringing in two large C-17 transport jets loaded with equipment, supplies and personnel to help re-initiate air traffic and begin rebuilding the base.

Hurlburt's Special Tactics airmen will continue to play a crucial role at Tyndall, providing air traffic control as an increasing number of aircraft are able to fly into the base, headquarters of the 325th Fighter Wing and a number of other major Air Force units.

The 15-member Special Tactics team "will continue to control Tyndall's air field until conventional air traffic controllers are able to get to the area and take over the airfield operations," according to an email from Lt. Jaelyn Pienkowski, public affairs advisor at Hurlburt's 24th Special Operations Wing, part of the Air Force Special Operations Command.



This photograph, taken from inside the cabin of a C-17 transport from California's Travis Air Force Base, shows some of the extensive damage at Tyndall AFB, which was virtually destroyed after taking a direct hit from Hurricane Michael. A runway was cleared at Tyndall on Thursday, and since then, relief and recovery supplies and personnel have been coming into the base. [TECH. SGT. LILIANA MORENO/U.S. AIR FORCE]



Recovery equipment is off-loaded at Tyndall Air Force Base from an Air Force transport jet. Special Tactics airmen from Hurlburt Field cleared a runway at the devastated base, and relief supplies and personnel have been coming in since Thursday, the day after Tyndall took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael. [TECH. SGT. LILIANA MORENO/U.S. AIR FORCE]

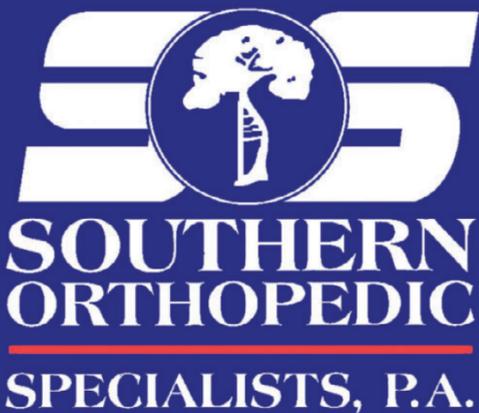


Aircrew members with the 15th Special Operations Squadron load cargo onto an MC-130H Combat Talon II at Hurlburt Field on Friday. Various units from Hurlburt Field provided relief to Tyndall Air Force Base following the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael, one of the most intense hurricanes ever to hit the United States [SENIOR AIRMAN RACHEL YATES/U.S. AIR FORCE]

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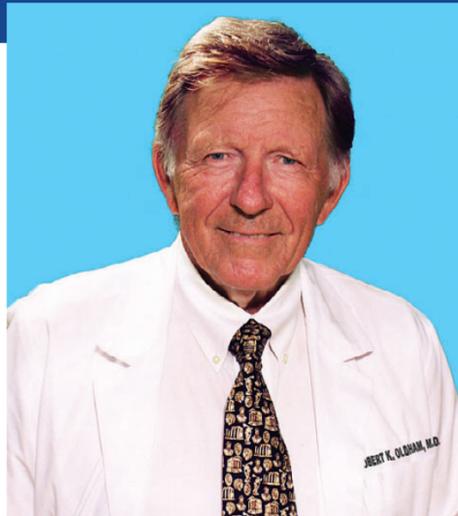
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'It was life or death': Face-to-face with Michael's fury in Mexico Beach

Russ Bynum
The Associated Press

MEXICO BEACH, Fla. — Tom Garcia watched in terror as fingers of water pushed inland across the beach and began filling up his home.

His wife handed him a drill and Garcia used screws to pin his front and back door shut. But soon the storm surge from Hurricane Michael was up to his chest. His dogs sat on his bed as it floated. He said it took all of his strength to hold his sliding door shut as the waters outside the glass rose higher than those flooding the house.

"It was life or death," Garcia said through tears Friday as he walked amid the destruction in Mexico Beach.

Michael was one of the most powerful hurricanes to ever make landfall in the U.S., and this Gulf Coast community of about 1,000 people was in its bullseye Wednesday. While most residents fled ahead of the storm's arrival, others stayed to face the hurricane.

They barely escaped as homes were smashed from their foundations, neighborhoods got submerged, and broken boards, sheet metal and other debris flew through the air.

Hector Morales, a 57-year-old restaurant cook, never even thought about evacuating. He grew up in Puerto Rico, where he said "you learn how to survive a storm."

His mobile home isn't on the beach. But the canal lined with boat docks behind his home

quickly overflowed as the hurricane came inland. Soon, Morales said, his mobile home started floating.

"The water kept coming so fast, it started coming in from everywhere," he said as he sat outside on a broken set of stairs lying atop a mattress and other storm debris. "I had about 3 feet of water in my house. That's when I decided to jump."

He got through a window of his home on to the top of his car outside when Morales saw two neighbors wading through the rushing surge. He swam out and grabbed a utility pole, then reached out and helped steady the wading couple. They fought their way onto a fishing boat that had been tied to a palm tree and climbed inside.

Morales left his neighbors in a bathroom below the boat's deck, while he sat in the captain's chair. He said they stayed in the boat for six hours before the winds calmed and the surge receded.

"I lost everything — my clothes, wallet, credit cards," he said. "But I made it."

Bill Shockey, 86, refused when his daughter pleaded with him to leave Mexico Beach. He said he didn't want to leave behind his collection of "Gone with the Wind" dishes and antique dolls. So he stashed those valuables up high in a closet before heading to his daughter's newly built two-story home next door.

With a pocket full of



Hector Morales sits on a debris pile near his home which was destroyed by Hurricane Michael in Mexico Beach on Friday, Oct. 12. "I have nothing else to do. I'm just waiting," said Morales as he wonders what he will do next. "I lost everything."

[PHOTOS BY DAVID GOLDMAN / AP]

cigars and his cat named Andy, Shockey watched the hurricane roll in from an upstairs bedroom. The wind shredded the roof of his single-story home. Water rose nearly to the top of his garage door. A neighbor's home across the street got shoved off its foundation.

Was he scared? "Worried, I think, is more like it," Shockey said.

His daughter's home took in some floodwaters downstairs, but was otherwise unscathed. Shockey's own home of 24 years didn't fare so well, though his collectibles survived.

"It's a wipe out," he said, adding that he plans to sell his property rather than rebuild. "Whenever they want, I'm going to move in with my son in Georgia."

For years, Hal Summers



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has managed Killer Seafood, a Mexico Beach restaurant known for its tuna tacos. Michael destroyed the eatery as well as Summers' townhome on the beach. Summers rode out the

storm at his parent's house nearby. They had evacuated, but an elderly friend was staying there and Summers promised to watch him.

Summers knew they had to get out when,

about 30 minutes after the storm made landfall, water surging into the home's kitchen rose up to his neck. He opened the front door and fell in deeper when he tried to step onto front stairs that had washed away.

Summers said his parents recently added a large, outdoor bathroom onto their home and he saw the door was open. The large sink was still above the water. He grabbed a bench that was floating by, and shoved it into the open bathroom to give them something to stand on. Then he helped the elderly man inside.

"I knew we could sit on the sink or we could stand on the sink if we had to," Summers said. "I had to hold the door shut or it would just keep flooding. There was a little crack and I could just see everything flying. I thought, 'Oh my God.'"

They never had to stand on the bathroom sink. Finally, the flooding receded.

While Garcia and his wife survived the hurricane's wrath, he was out Friday searching for his daughter and mother. Kristen Garcia, 32, and her 90-year-old grandmother, Jadwiga Garcia, were staying in a second-floor beachfront apartment Wednesday as the storm came ashore.

Garcia said his daughter called him to say the apartment was flooding and they had taken shelter in the bathroom. He hadn't seen them in the two days since the storm passed, and hadn't been able to gain access to their apartment.



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Make-up, wig, cackle: Actress becomes witch at Universal

By Mike Schneider
The Associated Press

ORLANDO — "Scare-actor" Laura Law once frightened a patron so badly at Universal Orlando Resort's Halloween Horror Nights that the woman peed in her pants.

Graceful and mild-mannered, the 31-year-old actress didn't come across as someone who could have such an effect when she arrived recently for her transformation into the Wicked Witch of the West for the 28th year of Universal Orlando's celebration of all-things-horror. Law has been a "scare-actor" for five years.

She was already in her purple tights and black dress, her red-hair was in a ponytail and her green contact lenses were in by the time she plopped down in a makeup chair. A black smock protected her dress as makeup designer Eric Garcia prepared to work his cosmetic witchcraft on her pale face.

"It's fun to be creepy and scary, right?" she said.

Halloween Horror Nights is an all-hands-on-deck affair at the Orlando, Florida theme park resort, as well as at Universal theme parks in California, Japan and Singapore. This year, the Orlando Halloween celebration will have 10 haunted houses, several recalling slasher films or pop culture from the 1980s, including a house modeled after the Netflix hit TV show, "Stranger Things."

Halloween Horror Nights lasts for 36 nights, but it's planned for more than a year. Each haunted house is a small, temporary attraction, elaborately designed and themed, built with studios attention to details and populated with "scare-actors" who chase but never touch the thousands of patrons passing



Makeup artist Eric Garcia starts the process of turning Laura Law into a witch for Halloween Horror nights at Universal Studios in Orlando. [PHOTOS BY JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

through each night. This year's Halloween celebration opened in mid-September.

"I don't think anybody does it bigger or better than we do," said Patrick Braillard, creative development show director at Universal Orlando.

In the makeup chair, Garcia applied glue to Law's face. Next came a rubbery prosthetic that Garcia placed over her nose and forehead. Its whiteness gave her a "Phantom of the Opera" look and its shape gave her a hook nose and textured skin. Garcia then placed on a white, pointed chin prosthetic and started painting her face with white and flesh colors using a small sponge. He painted on black eyebrows and small wrinkles with a tiny brush. She said, "People don't think it's a real thing, but you can smell the fear in people a little bit."

Law, who doesn't like to be scared herself, smelled the fear of the woman she made have an accident one year while working in one of the "scare zones," areas in the parks outside of the haunted houses where performers

room around giving jolts of fright to passers-by. Law casually walked up to the woman and the woman freaked out, running away. Law spotted the woman a short time later on a bench, walked up next to her and just stood there. The woman ran away again. Later, the husband came up to Law's supervisor and told her the actress had made his wife pee in her pants. "I was like 'Yessss!'" she said. "I didn't mean

to. It was such an easy scare."

In the "ScaryTales" haunted house where Law is working this year, she is the center of a plot that has the Wicked Witch of the West seizing control of the fairy tales and giving tortured fates to storybook characters such as Humpty Dumpty, who is found splattered on the walls. She is one of the last scares in the house.

"By then, they're



Laura Law sits as makeup artist Eric Garcia works his craft to turn her into a witch for Halloween Horror nights at Universal Studios.

terrified and they're just ready to get out," she said.

The makeup designers wanted to give the witch a regal appearance. They also tried to make it seem as if her witchcraft powers were bursting from cracks in her skin, changing her from human to witch, said Skeet Karsgaard, an assistant manager for makeup.

Listening to Karsgaard as the finishing touches of her makeup were being applied, Law said it helped to hear the character's back-story. "Just for your body posture and the way you do things," she said. "Makes me realize I need to stand

up taller. I'm-the-boss kind-of-thing."

About 3,000 people audition to be "scare-actors" each year and just under half make the cut. The "scare-actors" are cast by body type; a performer playing the Demogorgon from "Stranger Things" needs to be the size of a linebacker.

Four of the haunted houses share break rooms and the performers learn everything about each other during a Halloween Horror Nights season. Everything, that is, except what they really look like under layers of makeup, wigs and prosthetics.

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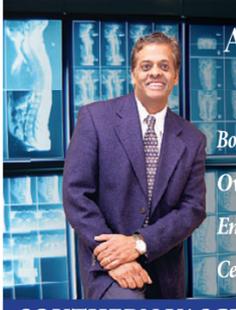


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A ride through the aftermath of Hurricane Michael

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Gatehouse Media Florida Staff Writer Savannah Evanoff and photographer Michael Snyder drove from Fort Walton Beach to Panama City on Friday to deliver supplies to their colleagues at the Panama City News Herald and report on the area.

Along the entire drive to Panama City, Michael Snyder and I discussed how lucky we are in Fort Walton Beach to have not suffered the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

Luck seems like such a strange word to use under the circumstances. Luck couldn't possibly have anything to do with this level of devastation.

As we drove through South Walton, we saw some trees had fallen but the majority of buildings incurred only minor wind damage.

Each town we crossed seemed unluckier than the one before, with more trees uprooted, fences fallen and structures damaged.

The first foreshadowing of what was ahead appeared with the collapsed roof of a Texaco gas station. It would only get worse.

Parts of Panama City Beach still had power, and stores were open — accepting only cash. We tried to use a restroom in a store, only to realize that despite having electricity, there was no water. The grocery stores were well-stocked

with non-perishables and water.

We passed a couple of gas stations, with lines so long they snaked onto the streets next to them.

The Hathaway Bridge from Panama City Beach to Panama City was definitely one of the distinctions between the damaged areas and those left untouched. It appeared to act as a barrier for the neighborhoods behind it, as some houses looked safe from the damage.

Then, Panama City.

The destruction was eerily precise, with perfectly intact homes and trees less than 10 yards from damaged ones. It's difficult to wrap your mind around the harsh separations.

Golden Chick, a fast-food restaurant in Panama City, looked the same as I imagine it did the first day the doors opened. Next door, Dunkin Donuts was less easily recognizable.

In some areas, the angle of the trees even revealed the circular nature of the storm.

One automobile repair shop had so many power lines, wires and insulation inside, it looked like the inside of a computer modem. The Panama City News Herald building was a similar sight, with no way to trudge through its crushed interior.

Katie Landeck, a Panama City News Herald staff writer, said after the storm passed through, they reported from the parking lot.

She assured us it got worse the farther you drove into Panama City.



A sign alludes to a joke out front of a house in Panama City on Friday, October 12. Hurricane Michael roared into the beach town on Wednesday as a Category 4 hurricane, causing extensive damage and power outages. [PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SNYDER/DAILY NEWS]

The worst damage she had seen in the Panama City area was in Callaway, which appeared to be hit the hardest.

More trees were on the ground than in it. Some parted homes, and others crushed the cars beneath them.

"Panama City might not have shade for 50 years," Landeck said.

The most pressing issue for people right now is communication, Landeck said. She could only communicate through Twitter and Google Hangouts on her phone. Verizon cell-phone towers were down, so many people couldn't reach their families and friends or request help, she said.

Because of communication issues, Landeck was able to help connect the Springfield mayor with the Federal Emergency



Good samaritans ride through streets in Panama City on Friday, October 12, distributing water to anyone who needs it in the hurricane stricken areas of the city.

Management Agency for the first time after the hurricane, she said.

Landeck's home was windowless, but still intact. One of her coworkers was not so lucky; she won't return to her home, Landeck said.

One mobile home in the area where we dropped off supplies was missing an

entire wall. The recliner and lamp were visible from the street, giving it the appearance of a living room set for a TV sitcom. This shred of normalcy seemed out of place amid the forest of broken trees that used to be a neighborhood.

Joe Burgoyne was at the Panama City News Herald, assisting Phoenix

Restoration with mitigation in the area.

"I went to Tyndall (Air Force Base) yesterday," Burgoyne said. "It looked like a precision air strike ... it looked like 100 tornadoes."

We were only able to talk to a few people in Panama City, but the distinctions in their dispositions were as apparent as the ones noticeable amid the destruction.

Some were in OK spirits, grateful to be alive.

Some even had a sliver of humor left in them. Snyder photographed a sign planted atop a collapsed building that read: "Michael who?"

Some people were devastated. One woman was standing outside the ruins of her former business, crying. It was hard to watch.

Some seemed numb. They had accepted that this post-apocalyptic environment was their new normal.

Some had no home. Some had no workplace. They had nowhere to go.

What humbled me most was the resilience of the residents and reporters in the area.

"It's just stuff," I heard one woman say to her family.

None of the staff writers at the Panama City News Herald asked us to take them back with us. Their reporting wasn't done.

One of my friends from college reports for a TV news station in Panama City. I texted her to ask if she needed anything, and she firmly (but sweetly) denied wanting any help. Why? There were people who needed it more, she said.

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Niceville residents help evacuate bed-ridden patients

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Chris McCauley loves his grandma.

He loves Dorothy Rose Hodge so much, he drove and walked through the outskirts of Hurricane Michael's terror and aftermath to make sure she was safe — with the help of a Good Samaritan at every turn. Hodge was a patient at Sea Breeze Health Care in Panama City.

"When I got there, I went and I hugged her and sat and held her hand," McCauley said. "One of the first things we did was try to get a picture of her and send it to our family."

McCauley was in the Fort Walton Beach and Niceville area during the first part of the storm, but when he saw beach cameras displaying the storm zeroing in on Panama City, he had to get to his grandmother.

McCauley and his wife, Elizabeth McNamara, drove down Highway 20, until reaching a point where one tree blocked the entire road, and they couldn't move it.

"We couldn't do anything, then this guy pulled up behind us in a Chevy truck with a tow strap," McCauley said. "He would hook up the tow strap and we would sit there and pull it until it got out of the way until we got to the next one ... Every time, he would wait on us and make sure we got through Highway 20."

The unnamed man who helped them plow through the highway was headed to Tyndall Air Force Base to reach his loved ones.

McCauley and his wife later crossed paths with another man who was using his chainsaw to cut an 8-foot path in the road for cars to get through, McCauley said.

Once they reached the junction at U.S. Highway 77 and U.S. Highway 390 in Lynn Haven, the road conditions wouldn't allow them to drive farther. The two began using their alternate means for transportation — their feet.

After a 10-mile trek Wednesday, the two were a mile away from his grandmother's facility when the police stopped them.

"We had made it all the way across town," McCauley said. "We were almost there, then they decided to put on a mandatory curfew and they wouldn't let us get past the last intersection to my grandma's place."

A family offered them a place to stay.

"They fed us, gave us water," McCauley said. "They were exponentially helpful. As soon as curfew lifted, they gave us a ride as far as they could make it toward the nursing home. We took back onto foot."

Thursday morning, they were among the first people to arrive at the healthcare facility, where many people were bedridden or wheelchair-bound.

"The first thing we heard from those people was, 'Are you here to rescue us?'" McCauley said. "No one had a chainsaw. Unfortunately, we were just people. Number one, we were there for Grandma, and number two, we didn't have a truck or anything to get people out with."

"We didn't know what we were walking into," he said.

A man stopped on the way to his own family and friends at another nursing home and used a chainsaw to cut trees around the facility.

"I don't know his name,

but he's a damn good person," McCauley said.

The facility's residents waited all day for buses to evacuate patients — including Hodge — to alternate locations in

Destin, Pensacola and Crestview. But, there were 15 patients left when the dusk curfew took effect.

"Those were the ones that were hardest to move, the ones that were

bedridden," McCauley said. "What would've happened? I just went to make sure my grandma was safe and leave. But, when you go and you see it, you can't leave."

"You can't leave people behind," he said.

McCauley and McNamara, along with a few staff members and volunteers, stayed until the last resident was transported

to an alternative facility with their medications and medical charts. They loaded patients from their bed into shower gurneys and from there into the back of a van.

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Portions of the walls and ceiling are missing at the St. Andrew United Methodist Church on Oct.11 in Panama City. [PATTI BLAKE/NEWS HERALD]

St. Andrew United Methodist plans Sunday service

Despite severe damage, Panama City church will meet

By Collin Breaux
News Herald Staff Writer

PANAMA CITY — Despite not having two walls, Saint Andrew United Methodist Church planned to hold Sunday services, just days after Hurricane Michael went

through the city. “We’ll have worship service on Sunday somewhere,” said John Blount, the church’s senior pastor. “Not in the sanctuary, but (we’ll) probably set up chairs outside. We’ll be proclaiming God is good all the time.”

Blount has been at the church since Tuesday night, the evening before the full force of Hurricane Michael hit the city.

He and about two dozen church members rode out the storm in the church.

“A 250-year-old oak tree came down,” he said.

The severity of Hurricane Michael came as a surprise to many in Panama City, according to Blount.

“People who went to bed thinking we’re going to have a Category 3 (hurricane) woke up to a Category 4,” Blount said.

Because he stayed at the

church, Blount has thus far only been able to see his own home from some distance away, but the news for him has been mostly good.

“The house is intact,” he said, although there is a tree on top of it and the rest of the trees in the yard are down.

“Mainly, the house is good,” he said. “My neighbors are good. Everyone I talked to is good.”

During a recent interview, Blount clearly retained some sense of shock at the damage brought by the hurricane. But he’s also grateful, he said, particularly for the fact that his congregation is safe.

Blount took time to advise people who evacuated the area in advance of the hurricane to stay away until recovery efforts are further along than they are

now. Also, Blount thanked people who have been involved in the recovery effort. He also praised people who rode out the storm and have since spent time helping each other as the community works to come back from Hurricane Michael.

That work, Blount said, is a testament to the spirit of the people of Bay County.

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Josey Freeman has lived off Pipeline Road for four years, but said he will not stay for another hurricane of the magnitude of Michael. [PHOTOS BY TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Stories from the storm

Bay County residents recount how they dealt with Hurricane Michael

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From clearing a path or sharing a home or a meal, the people in Bay County are making the best of an overwhelming situation left by the wrath of Hurricane Michael.

Here are the stories from a few of folks around the area.

Pipeline Road resident — Josey Freeman

Josey Freeman, 30, was taking a breather standing alongside what was left of his chain link fence after pulling out trees to clear the road into his neighborhood off Pipeline Road.

“We got out here and pulled off the trees as soon as we could ... snatching them out,” with his truck, Freeman said.

Freeman, who lives at the corner of Country Lake and Amanda Circle, rode out Hurricane Michael in his mobile home along with his girlfriend, dad, dog Chance and six cats.

“I grew up in St. Joe, so I was used to hurricanes,” he said.

He stayed up and watched the news the night before and it looked as if the storm was going to go more east.

But by the time they realized it was up to a Category 4 storm and it wasn't a good idea to stay, it was too late to evacuate.

“It was bad when it first started blowing ... it was the worst,” Freeman said.

“There were times you couldn't see out the windows. It was like a whiteout,” he said.

They threw the dogs and six cats in the bathroom and they hunkered down.

“It felt like the Wizard of Oz ... like the whole house would just lift off,” Freeman said.

“I've been through it, but never again.”

Since his home didn't take off with the wind, and his damage is not as bad as some, mostly just shingles off the house and fence, he's working on clearing out the road.

Next project is to hook up the pump to the generator and get some water flowing.

“Hopefully I can take a shower tonight,” he said.



Kenetha Pitts, wife of Pastor Eddie Pitts of Springfield Community Church, helped serve up soup and more to the hungry on Friday.

Transmitter Road — Springfield Community Church

“God helped us, so we're not going to turn them down,” Kenetha Pitts, wife of Pastor Eddie Pitts of Springfield Community Church off Transmitter Road, said as she stirred the huge pot of vegetable soup.

The long-standing church, founded by the Rev. J.W. Hunt, had a table set up outside Friday to serve up food and water to whoever was in need.

Pitts said God helped them by answering a prayer in just a matter of minutes.

She said they had been cooking and had to ration it out because there were a lot of people to feed and she was worried about running out of water. So they stopped and prayed and decided to share what they had with whoever was in need.

And in a matter of about 15

minutes a car from Mississippi drove up with a trunk and backseat full of cases of water and diapers.

“He came through and just unloaded on us,” Pitts said.

“So if we share, God will take care of us ... and he did,” she added.

But before they set up the tables to share food, Pitts and her husband started to ride out the hurricane in the parsonage beside the church.

“It started shaking, so we ran over to the church because the roof started falling in,” Pitts said.

“We've been through storms ... but it was terrifying,” noting that they had been through Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi.

“But we just prayed and trusted God,” she said.

They found table in the corner in the church.

“Then I thought it (the church) was going to collapse. ... It felt like the walls were breathing,” Pitts said.



Destiny Kenny (background) takes a break from digging through debris while her children Charlie and Cali play.

But they made it through and have literally been serving the community since then.

From corn dogs to vegetable soup and whatever else, “We've been right here helping our people and feeding people,” she said.

Callaway — Fox Avenue

They had decided to stay, but the biggest decision during the storm was trying to figure out which room to

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Meikeila Johnson was happy to have the boxed lunches the Salvation Army offered Friday in the Walmart parking lot on Tyndall Parkway. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

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get in as Michael made his presence known.

Destiny Kenny along with her husband Thomas, their three children — Charlie, Bryson and Cali — and her 90-year-old grandfather rode out the storm in their home Wednesday.

“It was so scary. ... I had this baby in my lap the whole time,” Destiny said of 18-month old Charlie.

“We couldn’t figure out which room to get in,” she said.

They started out in the laundry room, and then moved from one bedroom to another before they finally just crawled up under a mattress.

“The wind was so loud you couldn’t hear the trees snapping,” Thomas said.

“At one point we could see the eye,” Destiny said.

She said it was calm for about 30 minutes, which gave them time to change bedrooms.

“Then it came again, 10 times worse,” Destiny said.

But they survived.

“We’ve been trying to clean up all the debris, rationing out food and trying to stay hydrated,”

she said.

“We’re going to stay until we know what to do,” she added.

The Kennys have family flying in from Atlanta. “We’re going to be swapping grandchildren for supplies,” Destiny said jokingly.

Their house sustained water damage but is livable.

“We were lucky the trees fell the other way,” Thomas said.

Salvation Army Stop — Meikeila Johnson

Walking to the car with six Styrofoam boxes filled with chips and a sandwich courtesy of the Salvation Army set up in the Walmart parking lot on Tyndall Parkway, Meikeila Johnson was thankful for the food, not knowing if she even has a job to go back to.

Johnson, 33, a mother of three ranging from 7 to 13 years old, lives in the St. Andrews neighborhood of Panama City but decided to ride out



Suzanne Buholtz and Michael Nelson stand behind their mobile home on East Avenue in Panama City. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Hurricane Michael with her brother on Southgay Avenue in Calloway.

She said she was afraid to stay in her home because it was on a slope near the water.

“And thank God we stayed with him,” she said.

A tree had fallen on her home and about a foot of water had gotten in it.

“This is the most devastating thing I’ve ever been through. I literally freaked out. ... I had a panic attack,” she said.

But Johnson finally got her wits about her, knowing she had three children to care for.

The family was fine at her brother’s in Calloway. They are still staying with him.

“We’re a family of seven now in a two-bedroom apartment,” Johnson said.

“But that was a blessing. and thank God for it.”

She said that although the water had receded from her home in St. Andrews, she can smell mold.

“I’d rather sleep on the floor than put my kids through that. I just thankful we all have our lives,” Johnson said.

The next step is to find



The signs says it all for Michael Nelson and Suzanne Buholtz, who survived Hurricane Michael in their three-bedroom mobile home. [TINA HARBUCK/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

a job. She said she worked for a convenience store that was badly damaged in the storm.

“It’s hard to do when you have no phone or gas,” she said.

“But when you’re a mother, you do whatever it takes.”

Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park — East Avenue

Sitting in a lawn chair, Suzanne Buholtz looked at the massive bruise on her arm. She wasn’t exactly sure how she got it.

But from the looks of what’s left of the three-bedroom mobile home where she and Michael Nelson rode out Michael, it’s not surprising she’s a bit black and blue.

“We huddled in my room and watched the roof fly off, then the walls started caving in,” Buholtz said.

“One nail at a time,”

Nelson chimed in.

“It was the most horrendous wind,” Buholtz added.

When the storm finally passed, they just walked out through the walls.

Since then, Buholtz and Nelson have been digging through the rubble and sleeping under the stars.

Nelson said East Avenue didn’t look much better.

“It reminded me of Vietnam ... looking down East Avenue with all the trees down,” he said.

In the meantime, Nelson has contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency about their dire situation.

“They asked me some crazy questions, like can it be fixed. I said, ‘I think it’s totaled,’” Nelson said.

Still, they have hope. “We’ve still got good spirits,” Buholtz said.

“I survived Vietnam. I can survive anything,” Nelson said.

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As sea ice melts, agency says harm to walrus not proven

By Dan Joling
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Given a choice between giving birth on land or sea ice, Pacific walrus mothers most often choose ice.

Likewise, they prefer sea ice for molting, mating, nursing and resting between dives for food. Trouble is, as the century progresses, there's going to be far less ice around.

How well walrus cope with less sea ice is at the heart of a legal fight over whether walrus should be listed as a threatened species, giving them an added protection against human encroachments.

The federal government in 2008 listed polar bears as a threatened species because of diminished sea ice brought on by climate warming. That year the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned to do the same for walrus.

However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded in October 2017 that walrus are adapting and no one has proven that they "need" sea ice.

"It is unknown whether Pacific walrus can give birth, conduct their nursing during immediate post-natal care period, or complete courtship on land," said Justice Department lawyers in defending the decision.

A federal judge in Alaska will hear the center's lawsuit challenging the government's decision not to list the walrus as threatened.

Pacific walrus males grow to 12 feet (3.7 meters) long and up to 4,000 pounds (1,815 kilograms) — more than an average midsize sedan. Females reach half that weight. Walrus dive and use sensitive whiskers to find clams and snails in dim light on the sea floor.

Historically hunted for ivory tusks, meat and blubber, walrus since 1972 have been shielded by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Only Alaska Native subsistence hunters may legally kill them.

An Endangered Species Act listing would require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate critical habitat for walrus and plan for their recovery. Federal agencies, before issuing permits for development such as offshore drilling, would be required to ensure walrus and their habitat would not be jeopardized.

Inaccessibility protected walrus for decades, but a rapid decline in summer sea ice has made them vulnerable.

In the Chukchi Sea

between Alaska and Russia, where Pacific walrus females and juveniles spend their summer, ice could be absent during that season by 2060 or sooner, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Since 1981, an area more than double the size of Texas — 610,000 square miles (1.58 million square kilometers) — has become unavailable to Arctic marine mammals by summer's end, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

By late August, as sea ice recedes beyond the shallow continental shelf, female walrus and their calves face a choice: Stay on ice over water too deep to reach the ocean floor for feeding — or come ashore for rest periods, where the smallest animals can be crushed in stampedes triggered by a hunter, airplane or bear.

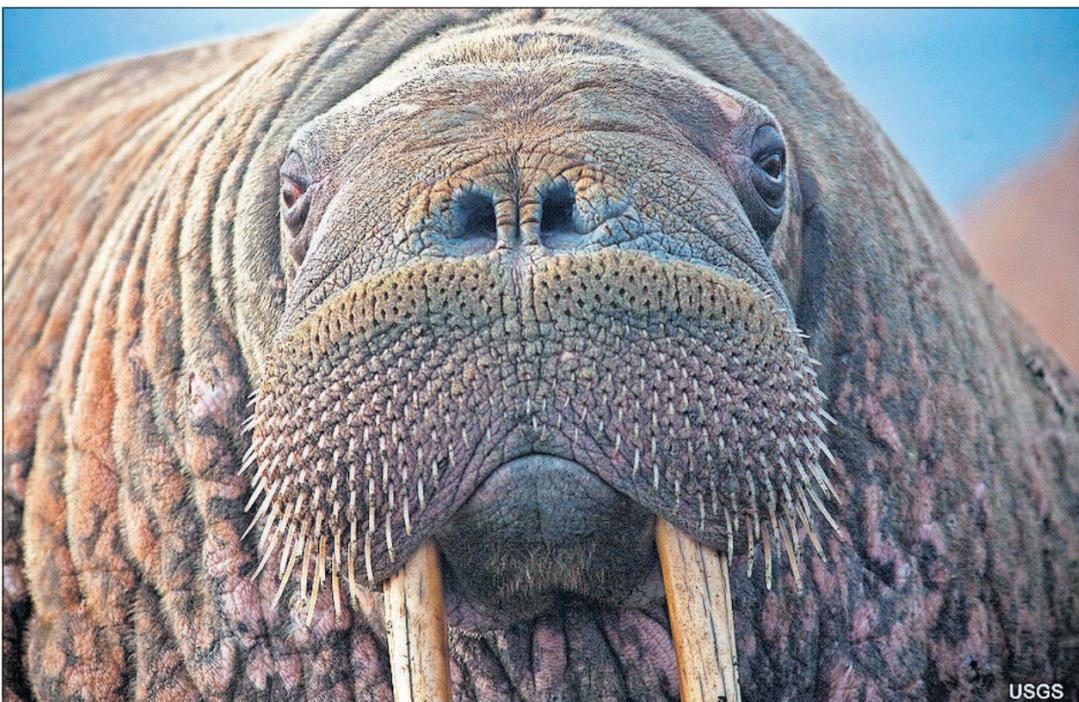
More open water already has meant more ship traffic. Walrus also could find more humans in their habitat with a reversal of U.S. policy on Arctic offshore drilling. Former President Barack Obama permanently withdrew most Arctic waters from lease sales, but President Donald Trump in April 2017 announced he was reversing Obama, a decision being challenged in court. The administration's proposed five-year offshore leasing plan includes sales in the Chukchi Sea.

Designating walrus as threatened would mean oil exploration companies would have to consult with federal wildlife officials to make sure drill rigs don't endanger the animals. However, Trump's Interior and Commerce departments in July proposed administrative changes to the species law that would end automatic protections for threatened plants and animals and set limits on designating habitat as crucial to recovery.

Walrus are notoriously difficult to count — and population estimates range widely. A preliminary one in 2017 put the number at 283,213, with the caveat that it could be as low as 93,000 or as high as 478,975.

The array of stresses and uncertainty about the walrus' future are enough evidence for listing them as threatened, the Center for Biological Diversity argues.

In the last decade, walrus that gathered on shores have suffered hundreds of stampede deaths, and the loss of ice floes has pushed them



This Sept. 19, 2013, photo shows a female Pacific walrus resting in Point Lay, Alaska. [RYAN KINGSBERY/U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

away from feeding areas, said Shaye Wolf, climate science director for the nonprofit conservation group.

"They're not adapting. They're suffering," Wolf said.

Scientists advising the Fish and Wildlife Service say the answer is not so clear cut, and much is unknown about how sea ice loss will affect walrus.

Chad Jay of the U.S. Geological Survey said it's unknown, for example, why female walrus give birth on ice instead of land.

"One of the thoughts is that ... there's more protection for the young from predators," he said. "They're offshore, and it's a cleaner environment, too, for giving birth. But those are hypotheses that are difficult to prove."

A nursing walrus needs to consume more than

7,800 clams per day, according to a federal assessment. And summer is the usual time for animals to fatten up.

When ice melted in alarming quantities, forcing females and their calves to shore in herds as large as 40,000, government scientists in 2008 tagged and tracked walrus to see how the changes affected their feeding.

They learned that females, forced to rest on beaches instead of ice, were still visiting their favorite feeding areas. However, the longer swims drew down fat reserves critical for lactating.

The walrus should be fine, the study concluded, if they can replace calories with additional feeding in winter, but whether that's happening is unknown.

Undernourished

females produce smaller offspring less likely to survive. The declining size of polar bear cubs in the southern Beaufort Sea was a factor in the decision to list them as threatened.

Endangered species law does not require perfect science to demonstrate adverse effects, Wolf said. When there's

uncertainty, she said, the benefit of the doubt goes to the species.

There have been previous geological time periods when walrus experienced a lack of sea ice, said Jay.

"Maybe they can get through that sort of an environment. Maybe they can't," he said. "No one really knows."

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Several members of the board of directors of the Venezuelan American Medical Association (VAMA) — Dr. Rafael Gottenger, Dr. Marco Bologna, Dr. Belen Esparis, Dr. Pedro Morales and Dr. Simon Angeli — pose for a photo in Miami. VAMA is joining a U.S. humanitarian mission to Colombia to assist Venezuelan refugees. (GISELA SALOMON/MIAMI HERALD)

Venezuelan doctors on US Navy mission to help compatriots

By Gisela Salomon,
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A dozen Venezuelan doctors volunteered to join the USNS Comfort as the Navy hospital ship visits three South American countries that are struggling to cope with a flood of migrants from crisis-ravaged Venezuela.

The doctors all live in the United States, but they wanted to help fellow Venezuelans who have fled widespread shortages of food and medicine amid an economic collapse that has pushed millions of people into poverty.

“This is like a Band-Aid” that will provide only temporary relief, said Dr. Marco Bologna, a cardiologist who now lives in Florida, where he is a member of the Venezuelan American Medical Association. “But it is the right thing to do and it helps us to do something for our country.”

The Comfort has been described as a threat by Venezuela’s socialist government and it will not visit that country during its 11-week tour of Latin America. The ship sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, on Thursday.

It will spend several days at two Colombian ports, one of which is just a one-hour drive from the border with Venezuela. The ship



The Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort is seen in 2010. It has docked on Colombia’s Caribbean coast to assist in treating thousands of Venezuelan refugees that have crossed the border. (FILE PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

will also dock at ports in Ecuador and Peru, two other nations that are now home to hundreds of thousands of struggling Venezuelans. It will wrap up its tour in the Central American country of Honduras.

U.S. officials said the itinerary was designed with several local needs in mind, including the plight of Venezuelan migrants who are desperately seeking health care. A report published this month by a group of Venezuelan civil society doctors estimated 20,000 doctors have left Venezuela since 2012.

“Each of the countries that we will spot was closely consulted. We have worked closely with them to ensure that we are providing the right care, at the right time, and at the right locations,” said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Steven Poulain, director of operations

at the U.S. Southern Command. “Obviously one of the factors that we considered was the Venezuelan crisis and the opportunity to treat Venezuelan migrants.”

According to the United Nations, 1.9 million Venezuelans have left their country since 2015. The most recent migrants have little money for transport and many have been trying to reach their destinations on foot, in perilous journeys that can take several weeks.

The Venezuelan American Medical Association said it has been working with the Southern Command for several months to prepare the mission. It said more than 1,000 civilian doctors applied to serve on the ship, but there were spots for only a dozen volunteers on board the vessel, whose crew of 300 is made up mostly of Navy personnel.

One of the applicants who got left out was Gabriel Pinedo, a Venezuelan doctor who now delivers mail in Orlando, Florida, because he hasn’t been able to have his degree validated in the United States.

Pinedo said he is currently applying for asylum in the U.S. and his lawyer told him that it would not be wise to leave the country. “It is frustrating not to be able to go,” he said. “I already saw myself there.”

The Comfort is equipped to attend to 750 patients a day during its South American journey and doctors on the ship will be able to perform 20 surgeries a day.

The ship’s visit to South America comes just weeks after the U.S. put financial sanctions on Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro’s wife. President Donald Trump has described Maduro as a dictator and said that “all options” are on the table when it comes to restoring democracy in Venezuela, including military intervention.

Venezuela’s government allowed a Chinese hospital ship to visit the country in September, but it has refused humanitarian aid from Western countries, arguing that such offers are just ploys for meddling in the country’s affairs.

Market forces put recycling industry in the dumps

By Mary Esch
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — America’s recycling industry is in the dumps.

A crash in the global market for recyclables is forcing communities to make hard choices about whether they can afford to keep recycling or should simply send all those bottles, cans and plastic containers to the landfill.

Mountains of paper have piled up at sorting centers, worthless. Cities and towns that once made money on recyclables are instead paying high fees to processing plants to take them. Some financially strapped recycling processors have shut down, leaving municipalities with no choice but to dump or incinerate their recyclables.

“There’s no market. We’re paying to get rid of it,” said Ben Harvey, president of EL Harvey & Sons, which handles recyclables from about 30 communities at its sorting facility in Westborough, Massachusetts. “Seventy-five percent of what goes through our plant is worth nothing to negative numbers now.”

It all stems from a policy shift by China, long the world’s leading recyclables buyer. At the beginning of the year it enacted an anti-pollution program that closed its doors to loads of waste paper, metals or plastic unless they are 99.5 percent pure. That’s an unattainable standard at U.S. single-stream recycling processing plants designed to churn out bales of paper or plastic that are, at best, 97 percent free of contaminants such as foam cups and food waste.

The resulting glut of recyclables has caused prices to plummet from levels already depressed by other economic forces, including lower prices for oil, a key ingredient in plastics.

The three largest publicly traded residential waste-hauling and recycling companies in North America — Waste Management, Republic Services and Waste Connections — reported steep drops in recycling revenues in their second-quarter financial results.

Houston-based Waste Management reported its average price for recyclables was down 43 percent from the previous year.

“A year ago, a bale of mixed paper was worth about \$100 per ton; today we have to pay about \$15 to get rid of it,” said Richard Coupland, vice president for municipal sales at Phoenix-based Republic, which handles 75 million tons of municipal solid waste and 8 million tons of recyclables nationwide annually. “Smaller recycling companies aren’t able to stay in business and are shutting down.”

Kirkwood, Missouri, announced plans this summer to end curbside recycling after a St. Louis-area processing facility shut down. Officials in Rock Hill, South Carolina, were surprised

to learn that recyclables collected at curbside were being dumped because of a lack of markets. Lack of markets led officials to suspend recycling programs in Gouldsboro, Maine; DeBary, Florida; Franklin, New Hampshire; and Adrian Township, Michigan. Programs have been scaled back in Flagstaff, Arizona; La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Kankakee, Illinois.

Other communities are maintaining recycling programs but taking a financial hit as regional processors have raised rates to offset losses. Richland, Washington, is now paying \$122 a ton for Waste Management to take its recycling. Last year the city was paid \$16 a ton for the materials. Stamford, Connecticut, received \$95,000 for recyclables last year. The city’s new contract requires it to pay \$700,000.

A big part of the problem, besides lower commodity prices overall, is sloppy recycling.

In the early days of recycling, people had to wash bottles and cans, and sort paper, plastic, glass and metal into separate bins. Now there’s single-stream recycling, which allows all recyclables to be tossed into one bin. While single-stream is efficient and customers like it, it’s been a challenge on the contamination side.



Unsorted recyclable refuse is offloaded and added to a giant pile in a processing building at EL Harvey & Sons, a waste and recycling company in Westborough, Massachusetts. Recycling programs across the United States are shutting down or scaling back because of a global market crisis blamed on contamination at curbside bins. (CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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UK fans flocked to TV to watch Princess Eugenie's wedding

The Associated Press

LONDON — The royal wedding of Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank was a big hit in terms of British TV viewership.

ITV said Saturday that it added roughly 2.1 million viewers during its extended morning program that showed live

coverage of Friday's wedding at Windsor Castle.

ITV was the only U.K. broadcaster that showed the entire service live from St. George's Chapel.

Competitors BBC and Sky News showed snippets of the wedding and the crowds thronging the streets of Windsor outside the castle.

BBC blamed a failure of its voice recognition system for a subtitle that briefly referred to Eugenie's "beautiful breasts" rather than her "beautiful dress" as she walked up the stairs to the chapel.

Eugenie is the granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II and ninth in line to the British throne.



Princess Eugenie of York, right, and Jack Brooksbank smile as they travel from St George's Chapel to Windsor Castle after their wedding at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, near London, England, on Friday. [AP PHOTO/RUI VIEIRA]



Princess Eugenie of York and Jack Brooksbank after their wedding ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, near London, England, on Friday. [JONATHAN BRADY, POOL VIA AP]



Britain's Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank leave St George's Chapel after their wedding at Windsor Castle, near London, England, on Friday. [TOBY MELVILLE, POOL VIA AP]



Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, smile as they wait for the bridal procession at the wedding of Princess Eugenie of York and Jack Brooksbank in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, near London, England, on Friday. [AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT, POOL]



From left, US actress Liv Tyler, her husband Dave Gardner, Kate Moss and her daughter Lila attend the wedding of Princess Eugenie of York and Jack Brooksbank in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, near London, England, on Friday. [AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT, POOL]



In this photo released on Saturday by Buckingham Palace, Britain's Princess Eugenie of York and Jack Brooksbank are photographed in the White Drawing Room, Windsor Castle with from left, back row, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, Theodora Williams, Isla Phillips, Louis De Givenchy. Front row, Mia Tindall Savannah Phillips and Maud Windsor, following their wedding, at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Friday. [ALEX BRAMALL/BUCKINGHAM PALACE VIA AP]



In this photo released on Saturday by Buckingham Palace, Britain's Princess Eugenie of York and Jack Brooksbank embrace, in the Scottish State Coach, upon its return to Windsor Castle following the Carriage Procession after their wedding, at St George's Chapel on Friday. [ALEX BRAMALL/BUCKINGHAM PALACE VIA AP]

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Above and below: Hurricane Michael storm damage on Dog Island near Apalachicola Fla. [PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN/APALACHICOLA TIMES]



Franklin County slowly revives

By David Adlerstein
Gatehouse Media Florida

On Thursday morning, Franklin County Property Appraiser Rhonda Skipper set out on foot, with her nephew and grandson in tow, to survey the damage done to waterfront properties.

They walked from west of the Crooked River Lighthouse all the way east to the St. James Bay golf course.

By Saturday morning, with the roads cleared and the Apalachicola Regional Airport bustling with activity, their job was easier, as they took to the skies to survey the damage.

But the findings were much the same.

"It's bad," she said. "We're going to see a huge drop in the tax rolls."

Bills for property taxes for 2018, which go out in two weeks, won't be affected, since those valuations were as of Jan. 1, 2018. But Skipper expects that many property owners will see their taxes plummet right along with the valuations of their homes and property.

"Some of them could go all the way down to

an unbuildable lot," she said.

From the vantage point of the back seat of a Sirtus SR 22, donated for the job by Tallahassee attorney John Lockwood and piloted by Gary Settle, Skipper sized up the situation from the air.

On Alligator Point all the way to Bald Point on the southern tip, lots of beach erosion could be seen, as well as several homes with the roofs torn off. The surge cut through the peninsula in several places, submerging plat- ted lots.

"They had a beach view," she said. "Now they have a beachfront lot."

The former Pelican Inn on remote Dog Island, closed for several years, was now entirely washed away. In the water on the eastern end of the island, three miles off the Carabelle coast, floated building debris.

Skipper confirmed from longtime Dog island residents Terri and Randy Cannon that four east end homes had been entirely demolished by the storm, while on the west end of the island, one had its roof blown off, another was leaning on its side and another presented

a panoramic view of the Gulf looking directly through the center of it.

The situation on St. George Island and Alligator Point was brighter, but not for older homes built directly on the ground. Ground crews for the property appraiser's office said three on Alligator Point were demolished, and two others had three feet of water reflected in their walls.

The same fate for ground level homes could be found in Lanark Village, a community that sprouted mainly in the 1950s, after the Army closed down Camp Gordon Johnston that trained troops for beach landings in the Pacific during World War II.

Hurricane Michael's amphibious assaults had taken down several homes in Lanark.

"Some of them were totally leveled down to the ground," Skipper said. "Most of the gulf-front homes, even if they are standing, the back side was blown out by water."

But for those gulf-front homes standing several feet above the ground, the

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Above and below: Hurricane Michael storm damage on Dog Island near Apalachicola. [PHOTOS BY DAVID ADLERSTEIN/APALACHICOLA TIMES]

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the loss was limited to portions on the ground designed to break away in the event of high winds and storm surge.

Several of the trailers parked in the RV parks along the Franklin County coast were decimated by the hurricane, leaving year-round residents like Ray Bastian homeless.

Originally from Chattahoochee, Bastian and his family relocated to the coast after he retired, mainly to fish.

“Mother Nature is stronger than any of us,” he said. “We have to adapt, or get broke.”

Just down US Highway 98 in Eastpoint, near where Bastian lived, several of the few remaining seafood houses with concrete floors along the waterfront were damaged but salvageable, while the restaurants along the coastline, mainly wooden buildings, were destroyed.

“I don’t think they’ll be repairable,” Skipper said.

In downtown Apalachicola, Danny Itzkovitz and his fellow restaurateurs, drawing on donated food from the area grocery stores, have been busy operating a makeshift food kitchen, offering free meals to all in need, from sunup to sunset, when a nightly curfew takes effect.

“He’s feeding the community is what he’s doing,” said City Manager Ron Nalley. “It’s fantastic.”

Governor Rick Scott

paid a visit to the food kitchen, right after stopping in Eastpoint at a site where Florida National Guardsmen were distributing meals and bottled water, while they set up a building supplying washstands and showers.

In Carrabelle, which was expected to have its power restored by Duke Energy no later than Monday night, the power company massed its recovery operation at the airport, just as the company had at the Apalachicola airport. The Apalachicola airport was one of the only available airports between Pensacola and Tallahassee in the immediate aftermath of the storm.

On the beach about a mile east of town, the recently completed Island View Park, a two-acre stretch with almost 900 feet fronting St. George Sound, was broken, the concrete sidewalks buckled,

The new park was one of the first NERDA (Natural Environmental Resource Damage Assessment) projects to be completed, funded by recreational dollars stemming from the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

West of Carrabelle, the consolidated Franklin County High School was largely spared, but the road into the school, U.S. 98, was washed out in several parts. Superintendent Traci Moses said she did not expect the schools to open for at least a week.

Centric Aviation, the fixed base operator in Apalachicola, managed to get 11,000 gallons of jet fuel in as of Saturday, so they were busy handling military search



and rescue flights from the Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security as early as Wednesday evening.

Since that time, said manager Tara Maugham, the work has transitioned to relief operations, with the arrival of Chinook C-47 helicopters bringing in supplies, as well as

private sector pilots who have flown in in an effort launched by World Hope out of Gainesville.

“We’re expecting anywhere between 50 and 100 in smaller twin-engine planes to bring in supplies,” said Maugham.

At a briefing Wednesday afternoon by Duke Energy at the Franklin

County emergency operations center, several law enforcement personnel reported that their vehicles had suffered punctured tires as they rode through rough ground littered with debris.

“There are so many boards with nails sticking up,” said Skipper.

“You get close enough and there’s big sheets of metal in the road.”

In addition, due to the many septic tanks that dot the landscape, the odor is in some parts unmistakable.

“We’ve been walking through raw sewage everywhere,” Skipper said.

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Authenticity now the attribute craved by Dems

By Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Beto O'Rourke's response to a question during a Houston town hall meeting this past summer lasted only four minutes. But for some Democrats it said everything. It was authentic.

In an exchange that quickly went viral, the Democrat congressman and Senate hopeful was asked whether he found NFL players who knelt during the national anthem to be disrespectful. A passionate O'Rourke told the room of Texans, not necessarily a sympathetic crowd, that he could "think of nothing more American than to peacefully stand up, or take a knee, for your rights."

Clips of his answer were viewed millions of times online, generating buzz in O'Rourke's uphill battle against Republican Sen. Ted Cruz.

For national Democrats, it was the type of moment that epitomized a common buzzword in Democratic circles — "authenticity" — and the push to present candidates in a more open, unvarnished manner offering a window to their values.

One of the widely accepted lessons from Democrat Hillary Clinton's loss in 2016 to Republican Donald Trump was that voters gravitate toward candidates they perceive as real, even if flawed. They're drawn to politicians willing to deliver unexpected candor.

"I don't think politicians give voters enough credit for the fact that people want to know who you are, what you stand for and what your values are," said Karen Finney, a Democratic strategist. "Even if they disagree with you, if they think you're coming from a principled

position, they can respect that."

In an effort to deliver that authenticity this election season, the party has tried to assemble a group of candidates with nontraditional backgrounds. They've recruited veterans, women and politicians with diverse histories. They've encouraged them to talk openly about their lives in ads and to make casual, unscripted social media posts.

There's no hiding that some of this effort borrows from the man Democrats are hungry to beat.

Trump's fans often say they admired his candor and willingness to defy political conventions. Another model is Bernie Sanders' campaign against Clinton for the nomination, which was marked by the Vermont senator's unwillingness to play the part of a slick, poll-driven candidate as he railed against income inequality. Clinton was often described as too careful, rehearsed and robotic.

The push also coincides as the #MeToo movement has demanded greater accountability, and social media allows a candidate such as O'Rourke to draw thousands of Twitter views of his speeches from behind the wheel of his pickup truck.

His campaign announced a record \$38.1 million raised during the past three months.

Democrats who may consider a White House run in 2020 are watching closely. They've become more accessible in the months before the formal start of that campaign.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has released a decade worth of tax returns, held frequent town hall meetings and started engaging with journalists for Senate hallway interviews after shunning them in the past.



In this June 22 photo, Beto O'Rourke speaks during the general session at the Texas Democratic Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. (RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

In one notable move, Warren cooperated with an exhaustive Boston Globe investigation during the summer. The paper found that the senator's career as a law professor was not helped by her assertions that she has a Native American heritage.

Other senators who are potential 2020 contenders, including Kamala Harris of California, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, displayed a visceral reaction to the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh and tried to delay the proceedings during the then-judge's first appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Harris later staged a walk out before a key vote as senators considered allegations of sexual assault made against Kavanaugh.

"We are at a point in this country where there is greater distrust of politics

and political institutions than at any point in modern history," said Jesse Ferguson, a Democratic strategist and veteran of presidential and congressional campaigns. "If you can't show what you're doing and why you're doing it, nobody will believe you will actually do it."

In less contentious settings, potential candidates such as Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper are pointing to their unusual backgrounds to vouch for their everyman appeal. Hickenlooper notes that he was laid off from his job as a geologist during the 1980s, a period that led him to open a Denver brew pub. He later became the city's mayor.

"I was out of work for almost two years and you see a different person in the mirror," Hickenlooper said at a recent Brookings Institution event alongside Gov. John Kasich, R-Ohio, as he

pointed to the need for skills development.

The emphasis on authenticity has been a hallmark of a number of Democratic candidates this year who are pledging to challenge status-quo politics.

Kentucky congressional candidate Amy McGrath, for example, has drawn nearly 1.9 million views on YouTube for an ad that describes her path to becoming a combat pilot in the Marines and her pledge to protect health care.

The South Dakota's race for governor features Billie Sutton, a state senator and former rodeo star who was paralyzed from the waist down more than a decade ago after he was thrown from his horse at a North Dakota rodeo. Sutton, an underdog against Rep. Kristi Noem, a Republican backed by Trump, says the injuries were a turning point in his decision to enter public service.

#MeToo inspires wave of old reports to colleges

By Collin Binkley
The Associated Press

BOSTON — For 35 years, Ruth D'Eredita tried to dismiss her former professor's behavior — the way he touched her, groped her and kissed her. But last year, as dozens of women came forward to share similar encounters with powerful men, she started to see her memories differently.

"It made me look at that incident and say, no, it was wrong," said D'Eredita, a 1984 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, a women's school in Massachusetts. "I went there with a heart full of passion, eager for scholarship, just to throw myself into it, and this man looked at me as a potential sexual partner."

She's now among a wave of women inspired by the #MeToo movement to report past sexual misconduct to their colleges, breaking sometimes decades of silence in an attempt to acknowledge the wrongdoing, close old wounds and, in some cases, seek justice.

The reports from deep in the past have also raised big questions about how to investigate such cases and how to usher them through newer discipline systems built upon updated ideas about right and wrong.

In many ways, schools say, they face the same frustrations that arose in last month's Senate hearing over Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexually assaulting another teenager in the mid-1980s. Memories fade. No one agrees. Witnesses stay quiet.

But unlike the Senate or the White House, which have broad investigative powers, colleges are left to tease out



Ruth D'Eredita graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1984 and last October reported that a professor sexually assaulted her when she was a sophomore in college. Universities have seen an increase in decades-old sexual misconduct complaints amid the MeToo movement. (JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

the truth with legal authority that does not extend beyond their campuses.

"We don't have subpoena power. We don't have the same kind of reach or authority that courts would have," said Rob Kent, interim chief of the Title IX office at Michigan State University.

Colleges from New England to the West Coast say they've seen an uptick in "historical" complaints over the past year, a shift they credit to the national reckoning sparked by #MeToo. Cases that were never reported in the past are coming to light as much as 50 years later.

In the first half of 2018, for example, Michigan State University received 22 complaints from two decades ago or longer, according to public records obtained by The Associated Press. In the previous five years combined, there were just nine cases that old.

Most cases involve women who say they were harassed or assaulted by male professors, advisers or others who

worked on campus.

"People feel they've got a voice," said Saunie Schuster, a lawyer who advises colleges across the country and co-founded the Association of Title IX Administrators. "I think it's a trend we're going to see for the coming few years."

The uptick has prompted some schools to rethink policies that placed time limits on investigations. Rutgers University dropped a two-year limit this month, saying it will now look into all sexual misconduct complaints.

At Mount Holyoke, D'Eredita's case is among at least three that have emerged from the 1980s. In a letter to the school in October 2017, she described how a professor drove her to an art museum for an academic outing, but then began forcefully kissing and groping her in the car and later in an empty museum gallery.

The professor, who still works at the college, denied the accusation. The school hired an outside firm to investigate but ultimately

concluded there was not enough evidence to prove her account.

She said she views the final decision as "wrong but understandable."

"I know what he did to me. I know where he did it. I have been reliving it," said D'Eredita, who now lives in Vienna, Virginia.

Mount Holyoke officials declined to comment on the case but said they are crafting a new policy on historical complaints and have hired the school's first full-time Title IX coordinator, among other changes.

D'Eredita's case illustrates the bind that some colleges are in: They encourage victims to come forward but struggle to verify their claims. Often it comes down to deciding which side is more credible, based on whatever scant evidence may exist.

Even deciding whether to investigate can be a challenge. Many alleged offenders have retired or taken new jobs, placing them outside the school's reach. And while federal rules now require schools to take action if a "hostile environment" exists, they are not obligated to explore older cases that pose no threat.

As a result, some schools pass by older complaints to focus on newer ones.

Kellie Brennan, Title IX coordinator at Ohio State University, said her office takes complaints as they come in and tries to determine if they need to be addressed. "The older they are, the less likely that is," she said.

Additionally, many schools weigh alleged misconduct against rules that were in force at the time, not those in effect now. The issue often arises in cases dealing

with relationships between faculty and students, which many schools allowed until the past decade.

"What constitutes harassment might be much different now than what it was in 1980, but the reporting that we're getting is based on standards of conduct that apply today," said Kent, at Michigan State. If officials find the offense wouldn't violate rules at the time, he added, "a lot of times it stops right there."

Investigations can also carry a hefty cost. Ohio State has paid an outside firm \$1.4 million for an ongoing inquiry into a former team doctor accused of sexual misconduct against scores of athletes dating back to the 1970s.

And even when schools verify misconduct, if the offender has been hired elsewhere, many opt not to notify the new employer for fear of a defamation suit. Only recently have some started drafting policies requiring such disclosure, including the University of Wisconsin.

Campus officials from across the country gathered to discuss such matters on Thursday at a conference for Title IX administrators. Michael Dunn, who helped lead a panel on the topic, encouraged officials to ask victims what they hope to gain from reporting. Some want an investigation, he said, but some just want their stories to be heard.

"We need to be really thoughtful and sensitive to what's motivating someone to come forward now," Dunn, who is Title IX director at St. Mary's College of Maryland, said in an interview. "What are the steps that they're looking for, and what are the steps the college needs to take?"

Wanderlust ... on a budget

How to see the world in your 20s without racking up debt

By Claire Tsosie
NerdWallet

It's a dilemma many 20-somethings face: You badly want to travel the world. But if your bank account could talk, it would say, "Are you kidding?" When you're just starting out, even a week-long vacation might seem like a one-way ticket to credit card debt — especially if you have a modest income or lack access to paid time off. But with the right moves, you can budget for travel without going into the red.

START SAVING

For Krista Aoki, the key to avoiding debt while traveling is simple: Save. Before a big trip, "I try to always start with a big cushion. I always save up beforehand, and I try to save up more than I need to," says Aoki, 26, an online business manager who does consulting and virtual assistant services for other online businesses.

She estimates it takes her about three months to save up for a big trip. She now travels full time and is currently in Kealahou, Hawaii. To save for travel, she spends less on other items, such as clothes.

She also hasn't owned a car in 2½ years and often relies on public transportation. You might not be able to pay for a vacation in full right this second. But that doesn't mean you need to choose between taking on credit card debt or being a hardcore homebody.

By spending less in certain areas now and setting aside money consistently, you might have enough to cover a small getaway in a few months.

DECIDE WHERE TO MINIMIZE COSTS

The best vacation isn't necessarily the most expensive vacation. By aggressively reducing your basic costs — flights, transportation, lodging, food — you might be able to squeeze in more exploring for a smaller price.

Instead of booking hotels, for example, you might opt to stay at hostels, which are more like college dorm rooms. Often, staying in a hostel means sharing a room and bathroom with others and sleeping in bunk beds rather than on queen-size mattresses. But they're a good way to meet other travelers and can be startlingly cheap.

"A nice co-working hostel in Chiang Mai in Thailand is like \$10 a day," says Aoki, who says she spends most of her time in Thailand. "I've been to two, and they're really clean and pretty comfortable, and they include breakfast and a working office." If you're willing to sacrifice some privacy, staying at one might make it easier to pay your credit card bill in full when you return from your trip.

USE CREDIT CARD REWARDS

When Leah Gervais was 24, she traveled in Southeast Asia for four months without going into debt,

in part by using credit card rewards to pay for her flights.

"It's not that I had a lot of savings ready to go," says Gervais, now 26, founder of lifestyle website Urban 20 Something. "What I did have was a lot of frequent flyer miles." She got the miles in college by earning sign-up bonuses on airline credit cards; she didn't carry balances on them. With those miles, she was able to fly from New York City to Siem Reap, Cambodia, and back to New York City from Bangkok for just the cost of taxes and fees. (She paid cash for other shorter flights she took throughout Southeast Asia, which were quite affordable, she says.)

If you've been using a rewards credit card, log on to your online portal to tally your miles or points. It might be enough to cover part of your trip.

MAKE MONEY WHILE TRAVELING

Both Aoki and Gervais have something in common: They work while they travel. That gives them flexibility to visit more places and stay on the road longer.

"I started doing some freelance writing work while I was (in Southeast Asia)," Gervais says of her four-month trip, noting that the cost of living in Cambodia was significantly lower than it is in Manhattan, where she lives. On that trip, she also worked as a bartender for a short time. Because she was traveling frugally, her income from these jobs was enough to support her abroad.

Are you following the rule of 72?



Mal Berko

Dear Mr. Berko: Could you please explain how the rule of 72 works for growing the principal and income value in a stock portfolio? I've been out of college for nine years. I am 30 years old and have two children. My spouse and I have paid off all our debts (except for our house and car), and we're ready to invest. We don't want to be aggressive, and we've heard the rule of 72 makes sense for the long term. We'd appreciate your explaining how this works.

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Assume you have a \$10,000 CD paying 6 percent. According to R/72, if the CD were compounded once a year, it would double in 12 years, to \$20,000. You'd be 42 and earning \$1,200 in interest on a \$10,000 investment made when you were 30. That's 12 percent. If you allowed the CD to compound for 12 more years, it would double again, to \$40,000. You'd be 54 and earning \$2,400 in interest on a \$10,000 investment made when you were 30. That's 24 percent. And if you allowed that 6 percent CD to compound for 12 more years, it would grow to \$80,000. You'd be 66 and earning \$4,800 on a \$10,000 investment made 36 years previously. And if you let it compound for another 12 years, at 78, you would have a \$160,000 CD, and you'd be earning \$9,600 a year in interest. That's 96 percent, with little risk, fuss or bother.

If you compounded this \$10,000 6 percent CD quarterly like a stock dividend — that's four times a year — it would grow more quickly and be worth \$160,000 when you're 74 years and 6 months old. You'd be earning \$9,600 in interest three years and six months sooner. Let's raise the interest rate to 8 percent. Compounding \$10,000 at 8 percent annually would double it every nine years, and it would grow to \$160,000 in 35 years. But compounding \$10,000 quarterly, it would grow to \$160,000 in 32 years and eight months, and your income would grow to (8 percent of \$160,000) \$12,800.

So, select a portfolio of dividend growth stocks, such as AT&T, Altria, Iron Mountain, Omega Healthcare, Southern, AmeriGas Partners, Dominion Energy, W.P. Carey, Exxon Mobil, Owens & Minor, and Uniti Group, which yield 4 to 8 percent and grow their dividends yearly. Reinvest your increasing dividends quarterly and allow the magic power of compounding interest to grow your retirement income more quickly. A \$10,000 investment in most of the above issues, with growing dividends reinvested quarterly, could double in 10 years, quintuple in 20 years and be 16 times higher in 30 years. Those are commanding returns. However, many are terribly boring and unexciting.

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A look at what didn't happen this week

The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these is legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out. Here are the real facts:

NOT REAL: Food Fight! Jailbird Bill Cosby Slapped With Chicken Patty In Prison

THE FACTS: Comedian Bill Cosby, now inmate No. NN7687 in a Pennsylvania prison, was not slapped with a chicken patty or a hot dog bun during food fights, despite stories circulating online. Reports claiming inmates were throwing food at the 81-year-old Cosby began circulating on online news sites and social media soon after he was sent to prison for sexual assault. He was sentenced to three-to-10 years in prison Sept. 25, after being convicted of drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his gated estate in 2004. Pennsylvania Department of Corrections spokeswoman Amy Worden told The Associated Press that Cosby had not been involved in any food fights since his incarceration. And, she noted, he does not eat



In this Sept. 25 photo, Bill Cosby arrives for his sentencing hearing at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa. Cosby, now in a Pennsylvania prison, was not slapped with a chicken patty during a food fight despite reports circulating online. [MATT SLOCUM/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

in the main dining room with other inmates.

NOT REAL: Texas Democrat Slapped With Federal Charges - Completely Destroys His 2018 Race

THE FACTS: Democratic Congressman Beto O'Rourke of Texas, who is running against Republican Sen. Ted Cruz for a Senate seat, has not been charged with federal campaign finance violations as suggested in claims circulating online. The claims stem from a letter the Federal Election Commission sent the O'Rourke campaign, dated Sept. 30, that identified potentially "excessive, prohibited and impermissible"

contributions from supporters. O'Rourke raised nearly \$24 million through the first half of 2018 in his challenge against Cruz, defying expectations and making the Senate race one of the most expensive of the midterm elections. Claims on social media have mischaracterized the letter to suggest O'Rourke had been "slapped with federal charges" that will derail his candidacy. However, the FEC said it routinely sends similar letters to political campaigns and the notices carry no civil or criminal penalties. Cruz's campaign has received the same notices, including one as recently as June, according to FEC filings.

Palestinians bury woman killed in West Bank

By Imad Isseid and Fares Akram
The Associated Press

BIDYA, West Bank — Palestinians on Saturday buried eight of their dead — a woman killed when a stone hit her in the head while riding in a car in the West Bank, an attack blamed on Jewish settlers, and seven who were shot by Israeli troops during protests in Gaza the previous day.

It was the latest aftermath of another day of violence in the coastal strip. The Israeli military said 14,000 Palestinians had thronged the border fence areas, burning tires and throwing rocks, firebombs and grenades at soldiers stationed atop earth mounds on the other side of the barrier.

The 48-year-old Palestinian woman and mother of eight, Aisha Rabi, was traveling with her husband and two daughters to their home in the village of Bidya in the northern West Bank when she was struck in the head by a stone early on Saturday.

Her cousin, Isam Rabi, said the family's car was pelted with stones. Aisha was rushed to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her husband saw a group of settlers nearby, Rabi said.

Israel said it was investigating the incident and imposed a gag order on the process.

The area is near several ultranationalist Jewish settlements. Last Sunday, a Palestinian assailant killed two Israelis in a nearby settlement. And on Thursday, a Palestinian man stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier there, raising the possibility of a revenge attack.



Relatives of Aisha Rabi, 48, mourn at the family home during her funeral Saturday in the West Bank village of Bidya. [MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Thousands of relatives and neighbors attended Aisha's funeral later Saturday. Her body was wrapped in a Palestinian flag as grievers carried the coffin to the cemetery.

"With our blood and our spirit we will redeem the martyr," shouted the angry mourners. Aisha's brother, Ibrahim Bolad, said there was no doubt, "settlers threw stones at the car."

The Islamic militant group Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, condemned her death.

In Gaza, funerals were held for seven Palestinians shot dead by Israeli troops during Friday's weekly protest. Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas' political leader, attended one of the funerals, pledging to keep up the protests until a decade-long Israeli-Egyptian blockade is lifted.

Since March, Hamas has orchestrated near-weekly protests along the security fence dividing Gaza and Israel, pressing for an end to a stifling Israel-Egyptian blockade imposed since the militant group wrested control of Gaza in 2007.

Israeli fire has killed

155 Palestinians since the protests began. An Israeli soldier was killed over the same period.

Of the seven killed on Friday, four died in one location, where the Israeli military said it opened fire on a crowd of Palestinians who had breached the fence and approached an army post. One Palestinian was initially wounded and died later in hospital. No Israeli troops were harmed, the army added.

The army said several Gazans tried to infiltrate into Israel again on Saturday through the fence but returned after being warned by the military. One unarmed Palestinian was arrested and taken in for questioning.

In May, about 60 protesters were killed in a single day, making it one of the deadliest since a 2014 war between the two sides.

The blockade has restricted Hamas' ability to govern and plagued most of Gaza's 2 million residents. Electricity is supplied for roughly four hours a day, unemployment stands at more than 50 percent and tap water is unpotable.

Repeated attempts to reconcile Hamas and the West Bank-based administration of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas have all but faltered, increasing the desperation that has in large part fueled the demonstrations.

Hamas seeks a cease-fire with Israel securing an easing of the blockade but accuses its rivals in the West Bank of thwarting the effort. In recent weeks, it has stepped up its campaign, holding nighttime protests and adding new locations, such as along the beach. Hamas says the escalation of protests is a response to the unresolved cease-fire talks.

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Trump business ties to Saudis run deep

By Bernard Condon, Stephen Braun and Tami Abdollah
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — He's booked hotel rooms and meeting spaces to them, sold an entire floor in one of his buildings to them and, in desperate moments in his career, gotten a billionaire from the country to buy his yacht and New York's Plaza Hotel overlooking Central Park.

President Donald Trump's ties to Saudi Arabia run long and deep, and he's often boasted about his business ties with the kingdom.

"I love the Saudis," Trump said when announcing his presidential run at Trump Tower in 2015. "Many are in this building."

Now those ties are under scrutiny as the president faces calls for a tougher response to the kingdom's government following the disappearance, and possible killing, of one of its biggest critics, journalist and activist Jamal Khashoggi.

"The Saudis are funneling money to him," said former federal ethics chief Walter Shaub, who is advising a watchdog group suing Trump for foreign government ties to his business. That undermines "confidence that he's going to do the right thing when it comes to Khashoggi."

Trump paid his first foreign visit as president to Saudi Arabia last year, praised its new young ruler and boasted of striking a deal to sell \$110 billion of U.S. weapons to the kingdom.

But those close ties are in peril as pressure mounts from Congress for the president to find out whether Khashoggi was killed and dismembered after entering a Saudi consulate in Turkey, as Turkish officials have said without proof.

Trump said Friday that he will soon speak with Saudi Arabia's king about Khashoggi's disappearance. But he also has said he doesn't want to scuttle a lucrative arms deal with the kingdom and noted that Khashoggi, a U.S. resident, is not a citizen. For its part, Saudi Arabia has called allegations it killed Khashoggi "baseless."

The president's links to Saudi billionaires and princes go back years, and appear to have only deepened.



In this July 4, 1988, photo, Donald Trump's yacht, the Trump Princess, is seen in New York City. In 1991, as Trump was teetering on personal bankruptcy and scrambling to raise cash, he sold his 282-foot Trump Princess yacht to Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin-Talal for \$20 million, a third less than what he had reportedly paid for it. [MARTY LEDERHANDLER/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

In 1991, as Trump was teetering on personal bankruptcy and scrambling to raise cash, he sold his 282-foot Trump yacht "Princess" to Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin-Talal for \$20 million, a third less than what he reportedly paid for it.

Four years later, the prince came to his rescue again, joining other investors in a \$325 million deal for Trump's money-losing Plaza Hotel.

In 2001, Trump sold the entire 45th floor of the Trump World Tower across from the United Nations in New York for \$12 million, the biggest purchase in that building to that point, according to the brokerage site Streeteasy. The buyer: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Shortly after he announced his run for president, Trump began laying the groundwork for possible new business in the kingdom. He registered eight

companies with names tied to the country, such as "THC Jeddah Hotel Advisor LLC" and "DT Jeddah Technical Services," according to a 2016 financial disclosure report to the federal government. Jeddah is a major city in the country.

"Saudi Arabia, I get along with all of them. They buy apartments from me. They spend \$40 million, \$50 million," Trump told a crowd at an Alabama rally on Aug. 21, 2015, the same day he created four of the entities. "Am I supposed to dislike them? I like them very much."

The president's company, the Trump Organization, said shortly after his 2016 election that it had shut down those Saudi companies. The president later pledged to pursue no new foreign deals while in office.

In a statement this week, the company said it has explored business opportunities in many countries but that it

does "not have any plans for expansion into Saudi Arabia."

Since Trump took the oath of office, the Saudi government and lobbying groups for it have been lucrative customers for Trump's hotels.

A public relations firm working for the kingdom spent nearly \$270,000 on lodging and catering at his Washington hotel near the Oval Office through March of last year, according to filings to the Justice

Department.

A spokesman for the firm told The Wall Street Journal that the Trump hotel payments came as part of a Saudi-backed lobbying campaign against a bill that allowed Americans to sue foreign governments for responsibility in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Attorneys general for Maryland and the District of Columbia cited the payments by the Saudi lobbying firm as an example of foreign

gifts to the president that could violate the Constitution's ban on such "emoluments" from foreign interests.

The Saudi government was also a prime customer at the Trump International Hotel in New York early this year, according to a Washington Post report.

The newspaper cited an internal letter from the hotel's general manager, who wrote that a "last-minute" visit in March by a group from Saudi Arabia accompanying Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had boosted room rentals at the hotel by 13 percent for the first three months of the year, after two years of decline.

Saudi Arabia has also helped on one of Trump's key policy promises, and helped the president's friends along the way.

Last year, the kingdom announced plans to invest \$20 billion in a private U.S.-focused infrastructure fund managed by Blackstone Group, an investment firm led by CEO Stephen Schwarzman. Blackstone stock rose on the news. Earlier this year, Trump unveiled a \$200 billion federal plan to fix the nation's airports, roads, highways and ports, tapping private companies for help and selling off some government owned infrastructure.

Schwarzman, who celebrated his 70th birthday at the president's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, accompanied Trump on his visit to Saudi Arabia.

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Chile's President Sebastian Pinera meets Pope Francis during a private audience Saturday at the Vatican. [ALESSANDRO BIANCHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Pope defrocks 2 Chilean priests accused of sex abuse

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Saturday defrocked two more Chilean prelates accused of sexually abusing minors, and to show greater transparency about how he's responding to the church's global sex abuse crisis, the pontiff publicly explained why they were removed.

The Vatican's unusually detailed statement announcing the laicization of Jose Cox Huneeus and Marco Antonio Ordenes Fernandez signaled a new degree of transparency following past missteps that appeared to underestimate the gravity of the scandal.

Explaining the latest removals as Chile's church is called to account for decades of sexual abuse and cover-ups, the statement made clear the two were defrocked for abusing minors with evidence so overwhelming that a canonical trial was unnecessary.

The Vatican said the move could not be

appealed.

Previously, the Vatican has rarely, if ever, announced laicizations of individual priests and only issued a single-line statement if a bishop had resigned, without further explanation. Before Francis' papacy it was practice to reveal if resignations were retirements due to age, or for some other 'grave' reason that made them unfit for office.

Advocates for abuse survivors have long complained about the Vatican's secrecy in handling such abuse cases, and the lack of transparency when arrived at judgments.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said Saturday's more detailed statement suggested a new trend in the way the Vatican will announce results of investigations of bishops accused of abuse.

The issue of church sex abuse came up in a papal audience earlier Saturday with Chilean President Sebastian Pinera Echenique, who also met with the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin.



In this Oct. 30, 2012, photo, Somali porters offload charcoal from a truck at a charcoal market in Mogadishu, Somali. A new report by U.N. monitors says banned charcoal exports from Somalia are thriving, generating millions of dollars a year for al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab extremists. [FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

UN: Banned Somali charcoal exports pass through Iran

By Jennifer Peltz
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Banned charcoal exports from Somalia are thriving, generating millions of dollars a year for al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab extremists — and often passing through Iran to have their origins obscured, according to U.N. sanctions monitors. Six years after the U.N. Security Council prohibited exports of prized Somali charcoal to try to choke off a money stream to al-Shabab, an estimated three million bags of the commodity are making their way out of the Horn of Africa country each year, the monitors say in excerpts of a yet-unpublished report seen by The Associated Press.

The main destinations are ports in Iran, where the charcoal — already falsely labeled as coming from Comoros, Ghana or Ivory Coast — is transferred from blue-green bags into white bags labeled "product of Iran," the report says. The bags are then loaded on Iranian-flagged ships

and sent to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with certificates claiming Iran as the charcoal's country of origin.

Iran "has been a weak link in implementation" of the charcoal ban, the monitors said, adding that Tehran largely didn't cooperate with their investigation.

There was no immediate response to inquiries made Friday evening with the U.N. missions of Iran and the UAE. The monitors credited the UAE with seizing some Somali charcoal but said the Persian Gulf country didn't "substantively engage" with their questions about the shipments allegedly made through Iran.

There was no immediate response on Saturday from Somali officials.

Made from acacia trees, charcoal from Somalia is cherished in Gulf nations for the sweet aroma it lends to grilled meats and to tobacco burned in waterpipes.

It's also highly valued by the Somalia-based al-Shabab, which effectively taxes the charcoal

at checkpoints, according to the U.N. monitors tasked with assessing compliance with sanctions on Somalia and Eritrea.

The monitors say the checkpoint payments yield at least \$7.5 million a year for al-Shabab, which a year ago carried out the deadliest terror attack in sub-Saharan Africa's history. The October 2017 truck bombing killed at least 512 people in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

At a U.N.-sponsored summit in May on the illicit charcoal exports, Somali officials asked for international cooperation to stop them, saying they fuel insecurity by channeling money to extremists and worsen environmental degradation as trees are cut down in a country already vulnerable to drought, flood and famine.

"We need cooperation to implement the U.N. Security Council (sanctions) resolution and ensure the environmental, economic and human losses that happen because of illegal charcoal trade are curbed,"

Deputy Prime Minister Mahdi Mohamed Guled told the gathering.

The excerpts of the monitors' report seen by the AP don't specify what individuals or groups may be involved in the illicit charcoal trade, aside from al-Shabab's de facto tax collectors. The group controls parts of southern and central Somalia and continues to target high-profile areas of the capital with suicide bombings.

The report says some of the fake origin certificates for the exported charcoal are outright forgeries, made without any official involvement from the relevant nations.

But others, such as the Iran certificates, are "evidently issued through official channels," the monitors said.

The monitors said other countries such as Ghana and Ivory Coast "have allowed charcoal traffickers to exploit weaknesses" in their systems for issuing such certificates and "bear some responsibility" for the patchy enforcement of sanctions.



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Clean up climate change? It's good for business

By Steven Mufson, Brady Dennis and Chris Mooney

The Washington Post

If the world's largest companies live up to the promises they've made to slow climate change, together they could reduce emissions by an amount equal to those of Germany.

The corporate pledges gained renewed attention this week after an ominous report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which said that government policies alone won't ensure the "unprecedented" societal changes needed over the next decade to stem climate

change.

That puts the onus on the business sector to clean up a mess it helped create.

To a greater extent than ever before, the best interests of many businesses and those of the planet are aligned.

"We've gone from saying 'it would be nice to do, but it would cost us,' to saying 'if we don't do it, we won't be able to grow, we won't be able to have tomorrow's economy,'" said Andrew Steer, president of the World Resources Institute. "Business leaders, they realize that."

As Feike Sijbesma, chief executive of Royal DSM, put it: "We need to

future proof ourselves."

The report said that holding the rise in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels - set forth by the Paris climate agreement - will require creating entire new industries to remove carbon from the air as well as the overhaul of the vast energy infrastructure that has been built over more than a century.

Historically, corporations have been complicit in the world's climate problem. One analysis shows that half of the globe's emissions since 1988 are traceable to just 25 private and state-owned fossil fuel corporations. And many have lobbied against policies that would limit greenhouse-gas emissions. They have done so both directly and through support of groups that have cast doubt about climate change.

Recently, however, there's a palpable change in the way business leaders talk about climate change.

Sijbesma said, "some of my investors and banks asked me what do you want to do: Improve the world or make money? I said, 'Well, both.'"

With trillions of dollars at stake, corporations have forged ahead to create sustainable businesses. They are taking steps to lower their carbon footprints and overhaul their supply chains in a race against rising seas and temperatures. Others are trying to come up with the ultimate goal: how to pull



Emissions rise from the American Electric Power Co. coal-fired John E. Amos Power Plant, July 18 in Winfield, W.Va. [LUKE SHARRETT/BLOOMBERG]

carbon dioxide out of the air and use or store it.

From Apple to Walmart, from IKEA to Google, dozens of firms have embraced renewable energy. UPS is shifting toward electric vehicles. Costco has installed solar systems on top of at least 100 of its warehouses, and some locations use solar power in parking lots. Google in 2017 offset all of its office and data center electricity use by adding renewable energy to the grid.

Some of the biggest changes are coming from what companies don't do. Europe's largest bank, HSBC, this year stopped funding new coal power plants, oil sands development and Arctic drilling, joining a growing number of investors and lenders to shun ambitious fossil fuel projects.

Making real strides will be expensive. The U.N. report said that hitting the 1.5 degree Celsius target would cost an average of \$3.5 trillion a year through 2050 - almost \$1 trillion a year more than the current pledges made by governments in Paris in 2015.

The bulk of the money will have to come from the private sector. Analysts at Bloomberg New Energy Finance estimate that global investment in what's called "clean energy" came to \$138.2 billion in the first six months of 2018, down one percent from the same period in 2017. The slippage reflected lower capital costs for photovoltaic projects, with fewer dollars spent per megawatt installed; and a cooling-off in China's solar boom, the firm said.

Consumer demand and employee expectations are driving some of the investments. In many cases, companies are finding that their own customers and employees prefer to buy and work at firms that are responsive to climate issues. And thanks to the falling prices of renewable energy, it can be cheaper to be climate-friendly than not.

Walmart, for example, has installed more than 1.5 million energy-efficient LED light fixtures across more than 6,000 stores, parking lots, distribution centers and corporate offices in 10 countries, driving down lighting costs by hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade, the company said.

Walmart also exceeded its goal to double the efficiency of its trucking fleet by 2015. Working with equipment manufacturers and others, the retailing giant saved nearly \$1 billion and avoided emissions of almost 650,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2015 compared to 2005.

Many of the nation's biggest utilities have

figured out that they can make more by selling less, especially when public service commissions can guarantee them healthy rates of return.

New Jersey-based PSEG, one of the nation's largest utilities, last month unveiled a six-year \$4.1 billion climate plan, with two-thirds of the money aimed at boosting energy efficiency. An additional \$300 million will go toward 40,000 new charging stations for electric vehicles. At the end of 2017, New Jersey had just 517 public charging stations.

"I really do believe that while we pay an appropriate amount of attention to solar and wind, where we should be focusing far more of our attention is energy efficiency," said Ralph Izzo, chief executive of PSEG.

A physicist by training, Izzo said the time for action is now, since the carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere won't dissipate for centuries.

"We need to step up our game," he said, "and that's what we're intending to do."

The world's major oil companies - including BP, Shell and Total - have ponied up \$100 million each to establish a fund called the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative, which invests in small companies working on technologies that could sharply cut emissions. ExxonMobil and Chevron recently joined the group.

That amount pales next to the big oil companies' commitment to oil and gas: \$100 million is less than two days' capital spending for Royal Dutch Shell, for example.

"We cannot continue on this capitalist-driven carbon binge and hope voluntary actions will solve the climate crisis," said Erich Pica, head of Friends of the Earth. "The fossil fuel industry can't buy their way out of this self-created problem by tossing pennies toward small projects to save their public image."

Nonetheless, Pratima Rangarajan, chief executive of the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative, said the money is a start and a way for big companies to find useful technologies.

The fund has invested in Clarke Valve, whose co-founder Kyle Daniels said that if his firm's valves were installed in natural gas wells, they could capture 50 percent of the leaked emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Larry Fromm, executive vice president of Achates Power, said that his firm has figured out how to make an internal combustion engine 30 to 50 percent more efficient. He said Achates put one of its engines in a Ford 150 pickup truck, the nation's best-selling

vehicle, and it had the same fuel efficiency as a Honda Accord. Fromm said Achates has licensed its technology to the U.S. Army and to ten automobile makers.

Finding out what all of this adds up to isn't easy. But researchers are homing in on some answers.

Current pledges by companies who both produce electricity and use it could lead to between 570 and 935 million tons of reduced carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in 2030, according to Angel Hsu, who directs Data-Driven Yale. For comparison, the emissions of Germany, the largest emitter in Europe, were 935 million tons in 2016.

But the potential is far greater. Hsu calculates that if major corporate initiatives to reduce emissions can keep enrolling major companies, there could be over a billion tons of additional gains by 2030.

Not every company walks a straight line forward. Mars, the chocolate giant, says it will reduce its emissions 27 percent by 2025 over 2015 levels, and by 67 percent by 2050. But last year the company's greenhouse gas emissions increased slightly, a result of growth in some business areas.

Even among companies that recognize climate change, uncertainty underlies many of the big questions: How much? How bad? When?

These are the sort of questions the insurance industry is built on. And yet it suffered economic losses of \$125 billion in Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and economic losses of \$213 billion during the three big hurricanes last year.

"Usually insurers look to historic data and assume that the near future is the same or similar to what has happened in the past," said Ernst Rauch, chief climate scientist at the insurance giant Munich Re. "With climate change this is simply not the case."

In some cases, insurance becomes more expensive for businesses and home owners near shorelines or in flood plains. But big insurers also have new opportunities to insure properties that are suddenly dealing with growing climate perils.

Robert Litterman, co-founder of a hedge fund called Kepos Capital, has made his career calculating odds and building sophisticated models for investors. In the fund world, he is known as a "quant."

But lately Litterman has been forced out of his comfort zone. The problem? Investors keep asking about climate change.



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Warren turns Kelly's insult into rallying cry

By Alex Horton
The Washington Post

The Japanese martial art of jujitsu operates under a tested philosophy: The force of your opponent can be used as a weapon against them.

That idea has been harnessed numerous times since the 2016 election campaign. Think “deplorables,” “nasty woman” and “nevertheless, she persisted” becoming rallying cries by political opponents after they were first uttered by the opposition.

Now another one appears primed to enter the lexicon - “impolite arrogant woman.”

That is how White House Chief of Staff John F. Kelly described Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., in the days following the Trump administration's 2017 travel ban, according to emails obtained by BuzzFeed news under the Freedom of Information Act.

That disclosure means the White House may have inadvertently gifted a potent catchphrase for Warren, a 2020 Democratic front-runner, to use as a blunt political instrument.

Warren had demanded answers about the ban from Kelly, then homeland security secretary, after travelers were detained at Boston's Logan International Airport.

“Absolutely most insulting conversation I have ever had with anyone,” Kelly wrote to Kevin Carroll, then his senior adviser at the agency, according to an email written on Feb. 8, 2017. “What an impolite arrogant woman. She immediately began insulting our people accusing them of not following the court order, insulting and abusive behavior towards those covered by the pause, blah blah blah.”

Shannon Fx Watts tweeted “Retweet if you're proud to be an impolite, arrogant woman. #BlahBlahBlah”

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders did not return a request for comment on the email.

Trump administration critics have already seized on #impolitearrogantwoman, as has Warren herself.

Someone thought enough of the phrase to reserve the domain impolitearrogantwoman.com and direct visitors to a CNN recording of President Donald Trump's lewd “Access Hollywood” tape. The website was registered on Thursday evening after the BuzzFeed story was published, according to WhoIs.Icann.org

“Impolite arrogant woman” may be poised to join other insults and attacks that were quickly transformed into badges of honor for the other side.

Trump supporters



Sen. Elizabeth Warren asks a question during a March 1 hearing in Washington. [ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG]

proudly call themselves “deplorables” after Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton used the term to describe some of his voters.

Women in support of Clinton adopted “nasty woman” after Trump insulted his rival during a debate.

And last year, when Warren was admonished for criticizing attorney general nominee Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., lectured her using a phrase that Democrats and supporters then used as shorthand for feminist resilience: “Nevertheless, she persisted.”

The tense 2017 discussion between Kelly and Warren arose from her frustrating bid to open communication lines with Kelly, she wrote on her campaign website Friday. Kelly's and Warren's staffs could not connect over the issue, she said, and Kelly provided only a general Homeland Security phone number when she asked for a direct line.

Warren said Kelly accused her of fabricating claims of her efforts to speak with him. “I happened to be looking

at all the emails between his staff and my staff when he said this, so I started reading them to him. He accused me again of making it all up,” she wrote.

Warren, who clearly understands the power of syntax and viral messaging, connected the moment back to that other political moment.

“So what happened next? You guessed it - I persisted,” she wrote. “I asked again for his number. He hemmed and hawwed... Let's just say that's when the conversation really started getting awkward - and that I persisted longer than he did.”

He then gave Warren his cell number, she said.

In the original email exchange obtained by BuzzFeed News, Kelly's then-adviser Carroll also referred to the Senate incident.

“Too bad Senate Majority Leader McConnell couldn't order her to be quiet again! Warren is running for president so early, trying too hard, and chasing bad pitches,” Carroll wrote.

Now, it appears the White House may have given Warren a pitch to work on.

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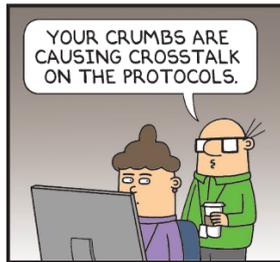
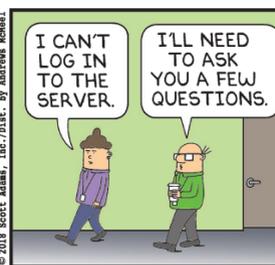
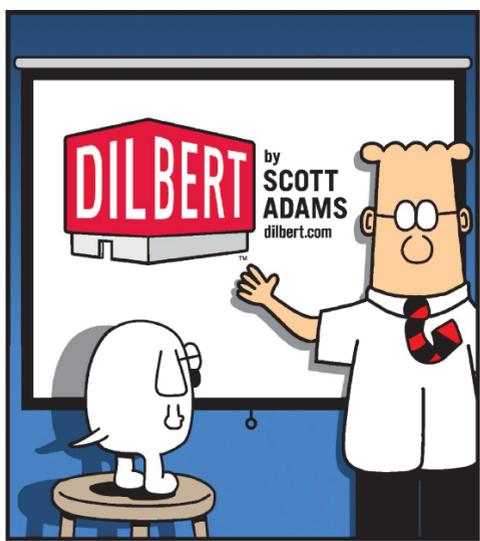
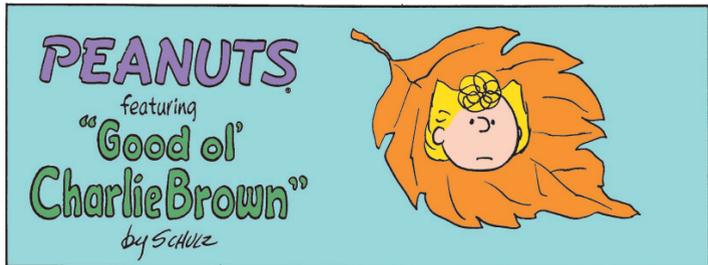
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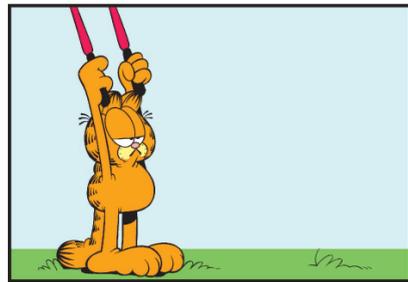
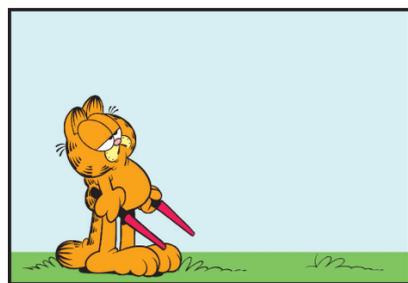
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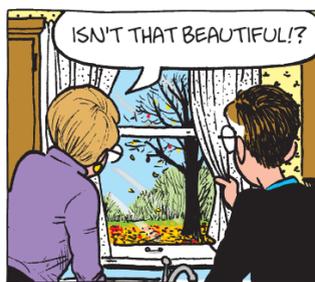
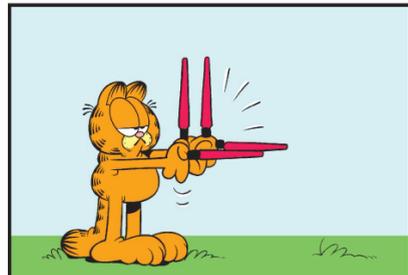
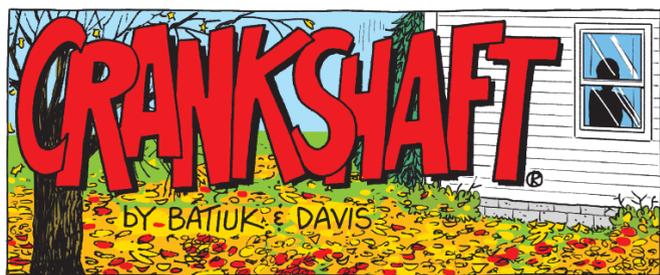
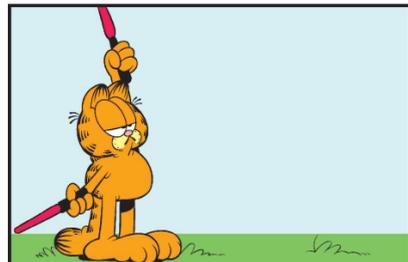
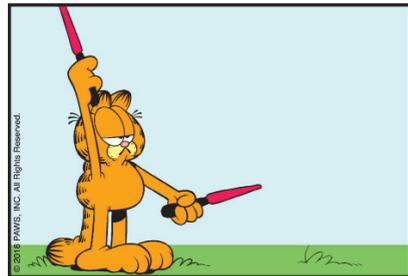
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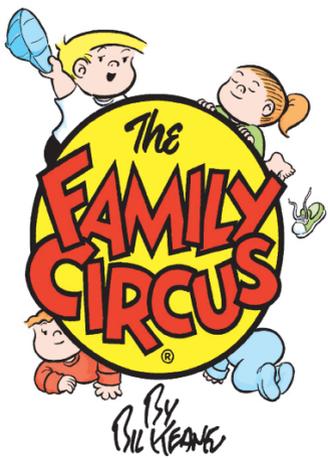
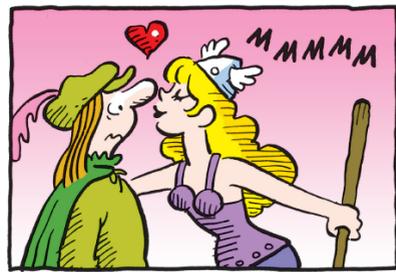
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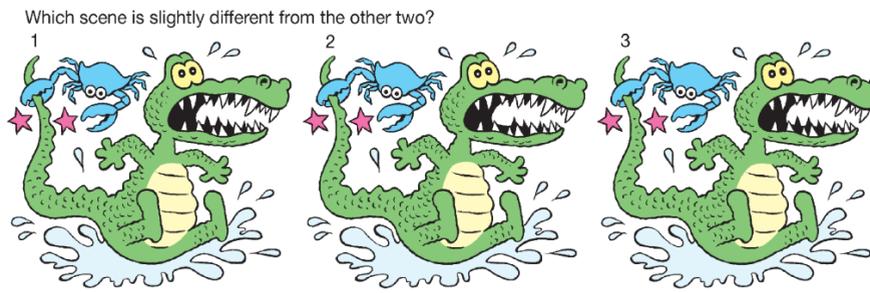
By Billy (age 7)

Kettle Steers, Cows, etc.	Wrench Place where Kettles are kept	Vest Out where Kettle Wrenches are
Keel You stole My Kettle! Form of Old Vest Justice	Debt Yep, He's Debt! Keeled	Symmetry Place for the Debt

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sanson

SINCE YOU ENJOY GOING TO BASEBALL GAMES WITH ME, I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD TRY A FOOTBALL GAME.



A witness saw Darla Duck grab dental gold from the Big Smiles dental office earlier today. Darla admits she was there for a teeth cleaning, but insists she did not grab the gold. Why doesn't Slylock Fox think this bird's story flies?

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2 TO PUT IN SOIL, TO GROW	__ ANT
3 A PERSON OF GREAT SIZE	__ ANT
4 A KIND OF SINGING	__ ANT
5 TO GIVE WHAT IS REQUESTED	__ ANT

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RUBBER-DUB-DUBS

WHAT KIND OF BEE DROPS THINGS?
A FUMBLE BEE!

WHAT DO YOU CALL THE LIFE STORY OF A CAR?
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

HOW MANY ANIMALS CAN YOU NAME THAT BEGIN WITH THE LETTER "O"?

ANSWER: OCTOPUS, OKAPI, OPSSUM, ORANGUTAN, OSPREY, OTTER, OWL AND OX ARE NINE.

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE FOUR DOWNS, INSTEAD OF THREE OUTS, AND THEY SCORE POINTS, NOT RUNS...

ALSO, THE GAME IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR QUARTERS, INSTEAD OF NINE INNINGS.

VERY GOOD! YOU'VE GOT THE BASICS DOWN. DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

MATCH GAME

CAN YOU MATCH THE THINGS PICTURED HERE THAT RHYME?

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. PERMIT
5. ASTONISH
6. TINY

DOWN
2. ELUDE
3. TO SHAKE
4. RECENT

A PUZZLER

WHAT RUNS BUT NEVER WALKS AND HAS A MOUTH BUT CANNOT TALK?

THE ANSWER IS A RIVER.

JUST ONE--DURING WHICH QUARTER DO WE SING "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston



HELLO! WELCOME BACK!
DENNIS AND I HAD A GREAT NIGHT!



YOU DID? YEAH! WE MADE POPCORN AND WATCHED CARTOONS!

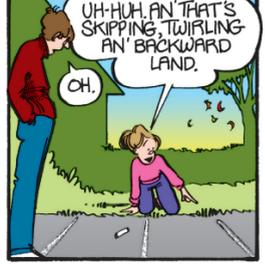


...THEN WE PLAYED A FEW BOARD GAMES.



... AND HE WENT RIGHT TO BED!

REALLY?



UH-HUH. AN THAT'S SKIPPING, TWIRLING AN' BACKWARD LAND.

OH.



NO, DADDY, YOU CAN'T WALK DOWN HERE. IT'S NOT A DRIVEWAY ANYMORE!



YOU'RE IN JUMPING LAND. JUMPING LAND?



YOU MEAN I HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THESE LANDS TO GET TO THE ROAD?

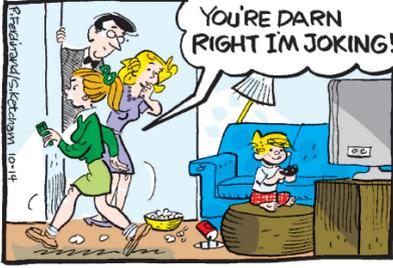
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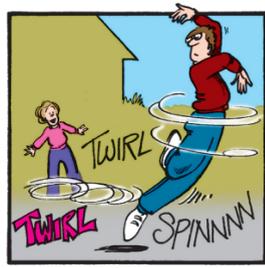
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YOU MUST BE JOKING!



YOU'RE DARN RIGHT I'M JOKING!



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LIKE I SAID... I THINK PATTERSON'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD LATELY!

HOP HOP HOP

Pearls Before Swine

by Stephan Pastis

WORDS O' WISE WISDOM

Some people think the key to happiness is to buy expensive homes and cars and watches that impress others.

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It just makes them resentful.

Because they are just as self-centered.

And unless they are being given that house or car or watch, they really don't care.

So if you want true happiness in your life, don't waste your money trying to impress others.

Give it to me... **SO I CAN DOMINATE THE WORLD**

NOT WHERE I THOUGHT THAT WAS GOING.

SOMEONE HAS TO DOMINATE THE WORLD. YOU, SIR, HAVE CONVINCED ME!



JUMP START

Starring JOE & MARCY
By ROBB BRANTZ

WHO WANTS TO RIDE WITH ME TO THE MALL?

I'LL GO!



MARCUS MUST BE CRAZY!

THE MAN IS FEARLESS!



IT MUST BE CLOSE TO HALLOWEEN.

THESE AREN'T COSTUMES!



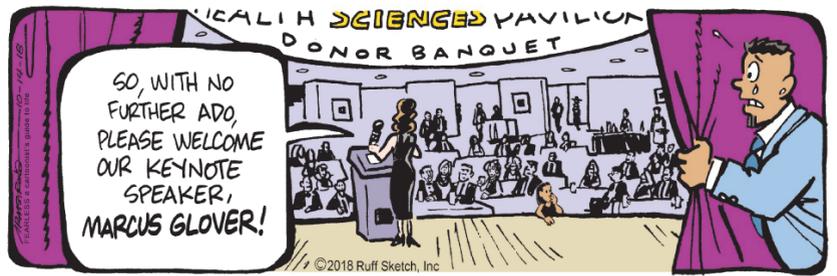
WE'RE ACTUAL ZOMBIES!

TERRIFYING, RIGHT?

ALMOST NOTHING SCARES ME. SORRY GUYS.

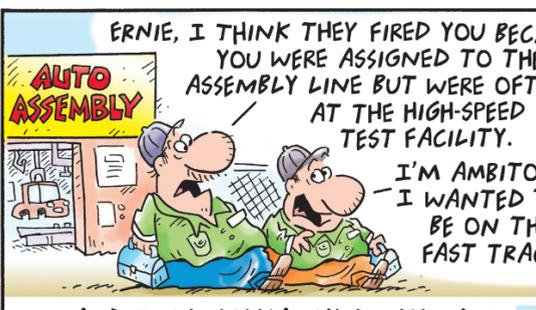


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ALMOST"?



SO, WITH NO FURTHER ADO, PLEASE WELCOME OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, MARCUS GLOVER!

FRANK & ERNEST



ERNE, I THINK THEY FIRED YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO THE ASSEMBLY LINE BUT WERE OFTEN AT THE HIGH-SPEED TEST FACILITY.

I'M AMBITIOUS. I WANTED TO BE ON THE FAST TRACK.

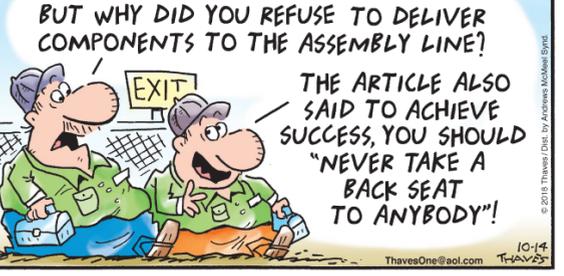


WHY DID YOU REMOVE BRAKES FROM CARS?

AN ARTICLE I READ SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, YOU SHOULD "PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS."



AND I UNNECESSARILY DROVE CARS AROUND THE PLANT TO SHOW THE BOSSES THAT I'M WILLING TO "GO THE EXTRA MILE."



BUT WHY DID YOU REFUSE TO DELIVER COMPONENTS TO THE ASSEMBLY LINE?

THE ARTICLE ALSO SAID TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, YOU SHOULD "NEVER TAKE A BACK SEAT TO ANYBODY!"

SHAGG E. DAWG PRESENTS...

ASK SHAGG

By Peter Guren

Dear Shagg,
How long does it take for termites to build a mound?
Olivia Wood
Sunbury, OH

FREE SHAGG DOLL IF WE USE YOUR QUESTION ABOUT ANIMALS!
GO TO:
ASKSHAGG.COM

A TERMITE MOUND CAN TAKE FOUR TO FIVE YEARS TO BUILD.

...DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, THE NUMBER OF TERMITES...

AND THE HUNGER OF THE LOCAL GIANT ANTEATER.

10-14 GUREN

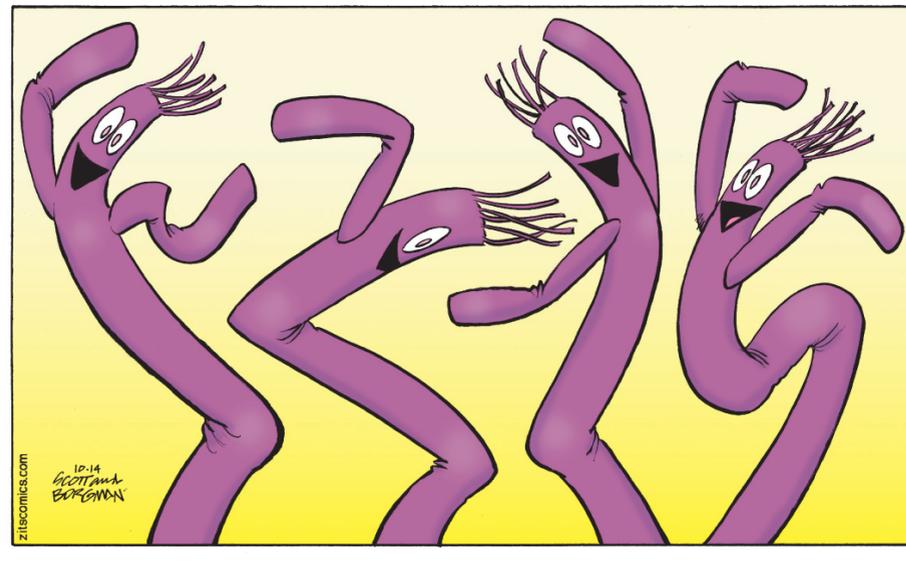
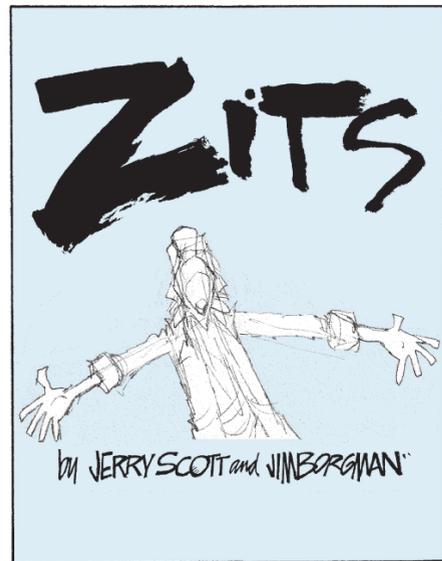
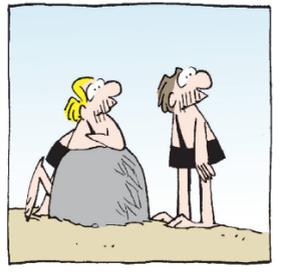
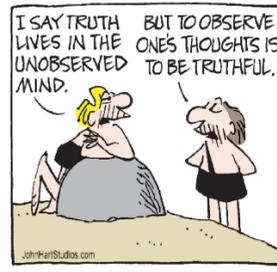
HISTORICAL SHAGGS

TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TREE.

SHAGG E. BLOFELD (1960 to 1972)
OWNED BY ERNST STAVRO BLOFELD, THE JAMES BOND VILLIAN OFTEN SEEN PETTING HIS CAT. HE USED TO PET BOTH CAT AND DOG UNTIL A FIGHT BROKE OUT. WHERE DO YOU THINK ERNST GOT HIS SCAR?

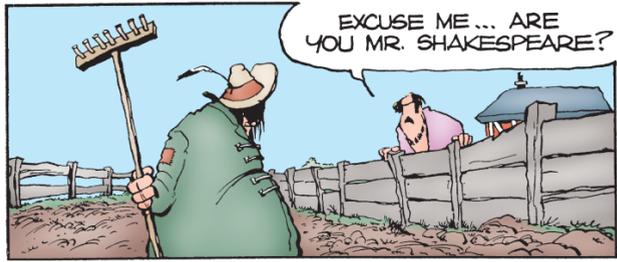
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



HERMAN

BY JIM UNGER



PICKLES

BY BRIAN CRANE



MARMADUKE

BY BRAD & PAUL ANDERSON

