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Changes In The City Of Manhattan

City to enter Renewable Energy Agreement with Westar

Old Blue River Trail now open



City of Manhattan

Westar Energy is now able to provide more wind energy to customers, because of an agreement they made with a 300 megawatt wind farm in Northeast Kansas.

The utility provider has been approaching high-use customers across the state, including the City of Manhattan, to commit a portion of their annual energy usage to the green energy source.

The City of Manhattan recently entered into a 20-year agreement with Westar where 50% of its annual energy usage would come from the wind energy produced in Northeast Kansas.

This green wind energy would be held at a constant rate over the life of the agreement at 1.8 cents per kilo watt hour (kWh), saving the City approximately \$50,000 per year on its energy bill, which powers all City facilities, including the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

City of Manhattan

The community gathered on November 15 to open Manhattan's newest trail. The Old Blue River trail stretches almost one mile and connects the Northview area, with approximately 8,000 residents, to other areas of the city. The trail begins at Tuttle Creek Blvd and McCall Road, with a new pedestrian signal, and extends to the intersection of Hayes and Casement. It also links with two other trails, forming a three-

mile loop for active travel. The new trail is intended to create a safe, comfortable route for area residents to bike and walk to access essential services. Leaders in the development of the trail include the City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Community Development departments, with support from the Kansas Department of Transportation and several funding partners. 85% of the project was grant funded.

Holiday parade raises funds and food for the Breadbasket

Electric vehicle charging stations coming to Blue Earth Plaza



City of Manhattan

Dress warm and join us next Friday, December 7 for the Mayor's Holiday Lighted Parade. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. on Poyntz Avenue, travels through downtown Manhattan, and ends in City Park. After the parade, gather in Aggieville's Triangle Park for the annual Tree

Lighting Ceremony and award presentations. Be sure to bring your donation for the Flint Hills Breadbasket both non-perishable food and tax-deductible monetary donations will be accepted during the parade.

City of Manhattan

The City of Manhattan and Westar Energy have entered into an agreement for Westar to install and operate two, level two Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) stations to accommodate electric vehicles. Each charging station can accommodate two vehicles, serving four ve-

hicles total. The Charging Stations will be operated and maintained by Westar. Users will pay a kilowatt-hour charge including applicable riders, surcharges, taxes and fees assessed by Westar Energy, Inc. The City expects the charging station to be installed by Westar and fully operational near the beginning of 2019.

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Mexico accepts housing migrants, seeks US development aid

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — As Mexico wrestles with what to do with more than 5,000 Central American migrants camped out at a sports complex in the border city of Tijuana, President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's government signaled Tuesday that it would be willing to house the migrants on Mexican soil while they apply for asylum in the United States — a key demand of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Mexico's new foreign minister also called on the Trump administration to contribute to development projects to help create jobs in Central America to stem the flow of migrants from the impoverished region, suggesting an appropriate figure would start at \$20 billion.

"We cannot determine at what pace people are interviewed" by U.S. officials as part of the asylum process, the incoming foreign relations secretary, Marcelo Ebrard, told a

news conference in Mexico City. U.S. border inspectors are processing fewer than 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to San Diego, creating a backlog of thousands.

"So, what do we have to do?" Ebrard asked. "Prepare ourselves to assume that a good part of them are going to be in this area of Mexico for the coming months."

"We have to support local authorities" in housing and feeding the migrants, he said, adding: "That is not a bilateral negotiation. That is something we have to do."

Lopez Obrador, who won a crushing July 1 election victory and takes office on Saturday, built his political career on defending the poor. He now faces the difficult task of placating Trump on the migrant issue while upholding Mexico's long-standing position of demanding better treatment for migrants.

Ebrard told reporters Tues-

day a key administration goal is securing a U.S. commitment to development projects in Honduras, where the vast majority of the migrants in the caravan come from, as well as neighboring Guatemala, El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America.

"What are we negotiating with the United States? We want them to participate in the project I just mentioned" to create jobs in Central America. Asked how much the U.S. should contribute, Ebrard suggested the figure should be at least \$20 billion.

"Mexico by itself is going to invest in our own territory during the next administration, more than \$20 billion, and so any serious effort regarding our brothers in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, should be for a similar amount," Ebrard said.

Ebrard's statements came as anxious Tijuana residents closed down a school next to a sports complex where thou-

sands of migrants have been camped out for two weeks.

The move came after U.S. border agents fired tear gas into Mexico to turn back a group of migrants who had breached the border over the weekend. The incident prompted Mexican authorities to step up the police presence around the shelter.

Citing fears for their children's safety, the parents' association of the Gabriel Ramos Milan elementary school bought their own lock and chain and closed the school's gates. A sign said the school would remain closed until further notice.

Carmen Rodriguez said parents had been calling for authorities to do something since the migrants arrived, adding that her 9-year-old daughter wouldn't be returning to classes until they are gone.

"We are asking that they be relocated," Rodriguez said, noting that some migrants had approached the school grounds to

ask children for money and use the school's bathrooms. Some even smoked marijuana around its perimeter walls, she said.

She said the parents worry about anti-migrant protesters converging on the sports complex again, as they did last week. "If they come here and there is a confrontation, we will be caught in the middle," she said.

The migrants themselves were urgently exploring their options amid a growing feeling that they had little hope of making successful asylum bids in the United States or of crossing the border illegally.

Most were dispirited after the U.S. agents fired tear gas on the group of migrants trying to cross into the U.S. on Sunday. They saw the clash and official response as hurting their chances of reaching the U.S. Mexico's National Migration Institute reported that 98 migrants were being deported after trying to breach the U.S. border. The country's Interior Department said about 500 people attempted to rush the border,

while U.S. authorities put the number at 1,000.

There was a steady line Tuesday outside a tent housing the International Organization for Migration, where officials were offering assistance to those who wanted to return to their home countries.

Officials also reported more interest from migrants wanting to start the process of staying in Mexico. A job fair matching migrants with openings in Baja California saw a growing number of inquiries.

"What happened yesterday harms all of us," Oscar Leonel Mina, a 22-year-old father from San Salvador, said of Sunday's border clash.

Mina, his wife and their toddler daughter avoided the protest and were glad they did after hearing others recount what unfolded, he said.

The events made Mina rethink his family's plan of making it to the U.S. He says he's heard people talk of Rosarito, a beach town popular with U.S. tourists about a 40-minute drive south of Tijuana.

Texas detention camp for teen migrants keeps growing

TORNILLO, Texas (AP) — The Trump administration announced in June it would open a temporary shelter for up to 360 migrant children in this isolated corner of the Texas desert. Less than six months later, the facility has expanded into a detention camp holding thousands of teenagers — and it shows every sign of becoming more permanent.

By Tuesday, 2,324 largely Central American boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were sleeping inside the highly guarded facility in rows of bunk beds in canvas tents, some of which once housed first responders to Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,300 teens have arrived since the end of October.

Rising from the cotton fields and dusty roads not far from the fence marking the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the camp has rows of beige tents and golf carts that ferry staffers carrying walkie-talkies. Teens with identical haircuts and government-issued shirts and pants can be seen walking single file from tent to tent, flanked by staff at the front and back.

More people are detained in Tornillo's tent city than in all but one of the nation's 204 federal prisons, and construction continues.

A temporary, emergency detention camp that opened in the Texas desert in June for an overflow of migrant children

shows no signs of closing. There are now more than 2,300 teens being held inside the tent city, some have been there for months. (Nov. 27)

None of the 2,100 staff are going through rigorous FBI fingerprint background checks, according to a government watchdog memo published Tuesday. "Instead, Tornillo is using checks conducted by a private contractor that has access to less comprehensive data, thereby heightening the risk that an individual with a criminal history could have direct access to children," the memo says.

Federal plans to close Tornillo by Dec. 31 may be impossible to meet. There aren't 2,300 extra beds in other facilities, and a contract obtained by the AP shows the project could continue into 2020. Planned closures have already been extended three times since this summer.

The teens at Tornillo were not separated from their families at the border. Almost all

came on their own hoping to join family members in the United States.

The camp's population may grow even more if migrants in the caravans castigated by President Donald Trump enter the U.S. Federal officials have said they may fly caravan teens who arrive in San Diego directly to El Paso, then bus them to Tornillo, according to a nonprofit social service provider who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to publicly discuss the matter.

As the population inside the camp swells, young detainees' anguish has deepened.

"The few times they let me call my mom I would tell her that one day I would be free, but really I felt like I would be there for the rest of my life," a 17-year-old from Honduras who was held at Tornillo earlier this year told AP. "I feel so bad for the kids who are still there. What if they have to spend Christmas there? They need a hug, and nobody is allowed to

hug there." He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal from immigration authorities.

The nonprofit agency contracted to run Tornillo says it is proud of its work. It says it is operating the facility with the same precision and care used for shelters put up after natural disasters.

"We don't have anything to hide. This is an exceptionally run operation," said Krista Pi-ferrer, a spokeswoman for BCFS Health and Human Services, a faith-based organization.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mark Weber, said no decisions have been made about whether Tornillo will close by year's end as scheduled.

"Whatever it is we decide to do, in the very near future, we'll do a public notice about that," he said.

King Crossword — Answers

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Over a year into campus carry at KU, first gun-policy violation reported

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — If gun toting is flourishing at the University of Kansas since campus carry began, people are concealing their firearms well.

In the first 15 months of the controversial policy allowing concealed guns on campus, one violation has been reported, the Journal-World found, and no gun crimes have been reported.

The sole violation, a gun being carried inappropriately, was quickly corrected and resulted in no disciplinary action, according to the university.

The Journal-World recently requested information from KU about all weapons-policy violations involving guns since campus carry was enacted on July 1, 2017.

As of late October, when the university responded, there had been a single violation involving a gun, according to the university's response through public records custodian Jen Arbutnot.

That case occurred Oct. 2 at Smith Hall, 1300 Jayhawk Boulevard. A student was carry-

ing a gun in his backpack — but instead of being concealed from view, as required, the gun was in an outside mesh pocket of the backpack where it could be seen.

A faculty member reported the incident.

"The student was informed of the policy and corrected the problem with no further issues," Arbutnot said in the written response to the Journal-World. "No sanctions were imposed."

That incident was one of five weapons-policy violations reported since campus carry began, but the other four involved knives not guns, according to the university.

In addition to violating university policy, in certain circumstances having a gun on campus could also violate state law. Examples include a person under 21 or under the influence of alcohol carrying a concealed gun.

The campus saw no weapons law arrests in 2017, according to KU's recently released Clery Report. No weapons law viola-

tions have been reported so far in 2018 either, Deputy Chief James Anguiano of the KU Office of Public Safety said, as of late October.

Prior to campus carry, university policy banned all weapons everywhere on campus. Now knives, explosives, crossbows, other weapons and openly carried guns are still banned, but lawfully carried concealed handguns and stun guns are allowed.

State university campuses previously were exempt from the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act requirement that concealed guns be allowed in public spaces and buildings.

In the years and months before that exemption expired, faculty and students at universities across Kansas — particularly KU — voiced opposition and fear about the change, though the backlash did not change lawmakers' minds.

Beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with state law, KU changed its policy to begin allowing lawfully carried con-

cealed handguns everywhere on campus except at large sporting events and certain restricted access areas.

Handguns on the KU campus traditionally have been an unusual occurrence.

In the six years prior to campus carry, a total of three criminal reports involving handguns were reported on or adjacent to campus, the Journal-World has previously reported based on KU police reports.

In one case, a person was found with a handgun at a scholarship hall in 2012, which was illegal at that time.

The other two cases involved handguns discovered during traffic stops where suspects also had drugs and other illegal items.

In a 2014 traffic stop on 23rd Street near Crestline Drive, a person was carrying a concealed gun without a permit, also previously illegal. In a 2016 traffic stop in the 1600 block of Engel Road, police found a person under 21 in possession of a handgun.

Patients shocked, burned by device touted to treat pain

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — Desperate for relief after years of agony, Jim Taft listened intently as his pain management doctor described a medical device that could change his life.

It wouldn't fix the nerve damage in his mangled right arm, Taft and his wife recalled the doctor saying, but a spinal-cord stimulator would cloak his pain, making him "good as new."

Taft's stimulator failed soon after it was surgically implanted. After an operation to repair it, he said, the device shocked him so many times that he couldn't sleep and even fell down a flight of stairs. Today, the 45-year-old Taft is virtually paralyzed, a prisoner in his own bed, barely able to get to the bathroom by himself.

"I thought I would have a wonderful life," Taft said. "But look at me."

For years, medical device companies and doctors have touted spinal-cord stimulators as a panacea for millions of patients suffering from a wide range of pain disorders, making them one of the fastest-growing products in the \$400 billion medical device industry. Companies and doctors aggressively push them as a safe antidote to the deadly opioid crisis in the U.S. and as a treatment for an aging population in need of chronic pain relief.

But the stimulators — devices that use electrical currents to block pain signals before they reach the brain — are more dangerous than many patients know, an Associated Press investigation found. They account for the third-highest number of medical device injury reports to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, with more than 80,000 incidents flagged since 2008.

Patients report that they have been shocked or burned or have suffered spinal-cord nerve damage ranging from muscle weakness to paraplegia, FDA data

shows. Among the 4,000 types of devices tracked by the FDA, only metal hip replacements and insulin pumps have logged more injury reports.

The FDA data contains more than 500 reports of people with spinal-cord stimulators who died, but details are scant, making it difficult to determine if the deaths were related to the stimulator or implant surgery.

An animated look at the spinal cord stimulator, its benefits and potential problems. (AP Animation/Peter Hamlin)

Medical device manufacturers insist spinal-cord stimulators are safe — some 60,000 are implanted annually — and doctors who specialize in these surgeries say they have helped reduce pain for many of their patients.

Most of these devices have been approved by the FDA with little clinical testing, however, and the agency's data shows that spinal-cord stimulators have a disproportionately higher number of injuries compared to hip implants, which are far more plentiful.

The AP reported on spinal stimulators as part of a nearly yearlong joint investigation of the global medical devices industry that included NBC, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and more than 50 other media partners around the world. Reporters collected and analyzed millions of medical records, recall notices and other product safety warnings, in addition to interviewing doctors, patients, researchers and company whistleblowers.

The media partners found that, across all types of medical devices, more than 1.7 million injuries and nearly 83,000 deaths were reported to the FDA over the last decade.

The investigation also found that the FDA — considered by other countries to be the gold

standard in medical device oversight — puts people at risk by pushing devices through an abbreviated approval process, then responds slowly when it comes to forcing companies to correct sometimes life-threatening products.

Devices are rarely pulled from the market, even when major problems emerge. And the FDA does not disclose how many devices are implanted in the U.S. each year — critical information that could be used to calculate success and failure rates.

The FDA acknowledges its data has limitations, including mistakes, omissions and underreporting that can make it difficult to determine whether a device directly caused an injury or death. But it rejects any suggestion of failed oversight.

"There are over 190,000 different devices on the U.S. market. We approve or clear about a dozen new or modified devices every single business day," Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, the FDA's medical device director said at an industry conference in May. "The few devices that get attention at any time in the press is fewer than the devices we may put on the market in a single business day. That to me doesn't say that the system is failing. It's remarkable that the

system is working as it does."

In response to reporters' questions, the FDA said last week that it was taking new action to create "a more robust medical device safety net for patients through better data." "Unfortunately, the FDA cannot always know the full extent of the benefits and risks of a device before it reaches the market," the agency said. In the last 50 years, the medical device industry has revolutionized treatment for some of the deadliest scourges of modern medicine, introducing devices to treat or diagnose heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Pete Corby, who injured his back working as a movie stuntman, said a spinal-cord stimulator helped him deal with his constant pain and stop using the opioids he'd become dependent on.

"This is the greatest thing that saved my life, literally saved my life," said Corby, estimating that up to three-quarters of his original pain was alleviated by the stimulator.

Medical device companies have "invested countless resources — both capital and human — in developing leading-edge compliance programs," said Janet Trunzo, head of technology and regulatory affairs for AdvaMed, the industry's main trade association.

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Eagle Take on Women in Kansas Politics Makes Close to No Sense

The Sentinel
Holding the Media and Government Accountable

One would hope that after helping elect a new female governor and a new congresswoman, who is Indian and lesbian to boot, contributors to the Wichita Eagle would shove the “victim” card back up their sleeves, but no such luck.

One of KU’s more virtuous political science profs, Patrick Miller, takes the occasion of female successes in 2018 to scold the (lesser) men of Kansas for the obstacles they have placed on their women’s “long road to equal representation.”

That a woman was elected Kansas governor should not have triggered Dr. Miller. Kathleen Sebelius was elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2006. Joan Finney was elected in 1990. When Finney was elected, Nancy Landon Kassebaum was serving as U.S. Senator from Kansas, a post she held for 18 years.

Nor did Sharice Davids break any ground on the female front. Jan Meyers held the 3rd District seat for 12 years from 1985-1997.



Dr. Patrick R. Miller
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Much of this happened before the 30-something Miller came to KU five years ago, but it’s all in Wikipedia.

Miller labors under the illusion that men and women should have comparable interests. On average, as Miller unwittingly implies, they do not. He reports that just a year ago 20 men, some of them teens, were nosing around the governor’s race.

Not a women tossed her

hat anywhere near the ring until Sen. Laura Kelly did so, “perhaps reluctantly.” The fact that Kelly won the race suggests that her sex was, if anything, an advantage.

Miller thinks otherwise. To make his “long road” metaphor work, he imagines one trap after another a woman must circumvent. Some samples:

“Female candidates are often told — usually by men — that they are unqualified.”

“Some activists on social media even said that Kelly’s only qualification was her gender.”

“Women this year were often branded — usually by men — as ‘Hillary Clintons.’”

“Moreover, some social media activists — usually men — suggested that Kelly expected women to vote for her because of her gender.”

This Eagle column isn’t political science. It isn’t even good cracker barrel politics. It is a collection of pointless innuendos in support of a thesis that stopped making sense at least a generation ago.



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Reports of Kansas Budget Surplus Ignore Imbalance

Kansas Policy Institute

The State of Kansas is heading towards a cliff despite reports of budget surplus and campaign rhetoric. State budget analysts show Kansas deficit spending next year, and empty reserves by 2022. This is due to current levels of spending outpacing tax revenues. Something will have to give as the legislature and incoming governor decide how to fix the budget imbalance. Raise taxes? Limit spending? Use the budget gimmicks bemoaned by many?

After the consensus revenue estimating group outlined rosy expectations for tax collections in fiscal year 2019, they produced the State General Fund Profile (click to enlarge). It acts as a multi-year checkbook for the state's general budget. Like any checkbook, if you are spending more than what you are bringing in, then your check balance falls and turns negative. The same goes for state government. Kansas is spending more than it brings in via taxes begin-

State General Fund Profile							
Description	APVD	FY	APVD	FY	Est.	FY	Est.
	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Beginning Balance	\$ 108.5	\$ 761.7	\$ 905.0	\$ 722.0			
Consensus Revenue Est.	\$ 7,298.1	\$ 7,309.7	\$ 7,271.3	\$ 7,234.8			
Released encumbrances	\$ 4.8	\$ -					
Total available revenue	\$ 7,411.4	\$ 8,071.4	\$ 8,176.3	\$ 7,956.8			
Approved expenditures	\$ 6,649.7	\$ 7,071.0	\$ 7,166.4	\$ 7,454.3			
Human Services caseload	\$ -	\$ 54.6	\$ (20.5)	\$ 50.9			
School finance SB 423	\$ -	\$ (6.5)	\$ 89.3	\$ 99.3			
KPERS w/statutory inc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 266.4	\$ 44.2			
Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 47.3	\$ (47.3)				
Total adj expenditures	\$ 6,649.7	\$ 7,166.4	\$ 7,454.3	\$ 7,648.7			
Ending Balance	\$ 761.7	\$ 905.0	\$ 722.0	\$ 308.1			
as % of expenditures	11.5%	12.6%	9.7%	4.0%			
Current Year Revenue	\$7,302.9	\$7,309.7	\$7,271.3	\$7,234.8			
Current Year Spending	\$6,649.7	\$7,166.4	\$7,454.3	\$7,648.7			
Surplus (Deficit)	\$653.2	\$143.3	(\$183.0)	(\$413.9)			

Source: Kansas Legislative Research Department, November 11, 2018

ning with fiscal year 2020 – state fiscal years start on July 1 – when the ending balance drops from \$905 million to \$722 million.

Simply put, the incoming administration will not be able to balance the budget without raising taxes or cutting back spending... unless they use the budget

gimmicks discussed below. There will be no available tax revenue to “properly fund” schools and “cut the sales tax on food.” There will be no available tax revenue to grow state agency budgets. Most importantly, there will be no available tax revenue for Medicaid Expansion. The largest tax in-

crease in state history, supported by then-Senator Kelly, is still not enough to offset enormous spending increases. It isn't encouraging to see what is supposed to be a 7.5% ending balance start small and, if spending and revenue patterns continue, disappear.

This information brings us full circle to the revelation that Kansans will see around a \$3.7 billion tax increase – based on previous spending estimates – sometime within the next four years. Avoiding this structural gap with a 7.5% reserve, the incoming administration may employ similar fiscal maneuvers such as highway fund sweeps, and KPERS funding delays to name a few. Such tactics were not only used under the prior administration, but also under the Sebelius/Parkinson administration 10 years ago. If not these gimmicks or cutting spending, Kansans will be pushed off the fiscal edge with another massive tax hike.

65 faculty members at KU expected to take retirement incentive

Out of 267 eligible tenured and tenure-track faculty, 65 are now expected to leave the University of Kansas Lawrence campus in the next two years.

To qualify, applicants have to be 62 years old by the date they will retire.

The deadline for signing the final paperwork for the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program was 5 p.m. Nov. 21. A small number of the applicants' paperwork had not been received by Monday, said Carl Lejuez, interim provost and executive vice chancellor, but if the forms had been mailed by the deadline, they will be included.

Lejuez announced the program in August as a way to help deal, in part, with the mandated \$20 million budget-cutting initiative for the Lawrence campus.

He said he did not have specific expectations of how many would take advantage of the program. “Any result is a good one,” Lejuez told the Journal-World

Monday morning. “For many of those eligible, it wasn't the right time for them to retire,” Lejuez said. “In that case, it's our preference to have them remain on campus and continue to contribute.”

For those who did sign up, “it's a number that provides some meaningful support, not only for the budget cuts and for our units to bring in early-career faculty in the near future.”

The average salary for approved participants is approximately \$112,000, with a median of \$100,000, the provost office reported in a news release.

The Office of the Provost also reported that of those retiring, 4.6 percent are distinguished professors, 47.7 percent professors, 29.2 percent associate professors, 6.2 percent director/professors and 6.2 percent chairperson/associate professors, with various other faculty comprising the remainder.

Trump proposes 'worldwide network' to counter CNN overseas

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump is raising the possibility of starting “our own Worldwide Network” to counter news spread internationally by CNN.

Trump said via Twitter on Monday that CNN “has a powerful voice portraying the United States in an unfair and false way. Something has to be done.”

It wasn't immediately clear what he meant. The U.S. government already operates Voice of America, which last year reached some 275 million peo-

ple worldwide with news reports from the United States available on television, radio, online and social media.

CNN had no immediate comment about the new criticism by the president.

The president has frequently criticized CNN and its reporters. His administration recently backed down from its effort to ban reporter Jim Acosta from the White House.

It wasn't known why he was focusing on CNN's worldwide reach. CNN International is the most widely distributed televi-

sion news network overseas, with BBC World News second.

Trump said he wanted a worldwide network “to show the World the way we really are. GREAT!”

The president's favorite news network, Fox News Channel, is available in nearly 100 countries, although not distributed as widely as CNN. The president has complained about being in hotel rooms abroad and having no alternative to CNN.

Voice of America, which began operating during World War II, is also determined to

show the United States as it really is, but not through the prism of any particular political leader.

The agency's charter, signed into law in 1976, says VOA “will represent America, not any single segment of American society, and will therefore present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions.”

Voice of America had no comment on the president's tweet.

US waived FBI checks on staff at growing teen migrant camp

TORNILLO, Texas (AP) — The Trump administration has put the safety of thousands of teens at a migrant detention camp at risk by waiving FBI fingerprint checks for their caregivers and short-staffing mental health workers, according to an Associated Press investigation and a new federal watchdog report.

None of the 2,100 staffers at a tent city holding more than 2,300 teens in the remote Texas desert are going through rigorous FBI fingerprint background

checks, according to a Health and Human Services inspector general memo published Tuesday.

“Instead, Tornillo is using checks conducted by a private contractor that has access to less comprehensive data, thereby heightening the risk that an individual with a criminal history could have direct access to children,” the memo says.

In addition, the federal government is allowing the non-profit running the facility — BCFS Health and Human Serv-

ices — to sidestep mental health care requirements. Under federal policy, migrant youth shelters generally must have one mental health clinician for every 12 kids, but the federal agency's contract with BCFS allows it to staff Tornillo with just one clinician for every 100 children. That's not enough to provide adequate mental health care, the inspector general office said in the memo.

A temporary, emergency detention camp that opened in the Texas desert in June for an

overflow of migrant children shows no signs of closing. There are now more than 2,300 teens being held inside the tent city, some have been there for months. (Nov. 27)

BCFS acknowledged to the AP that it currently has one mental health clinician for every 50 children at Tornillo.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, said Tuesday that overriding background checks is “absolutely appalling” and called for the immediate shutdown of the shelter.

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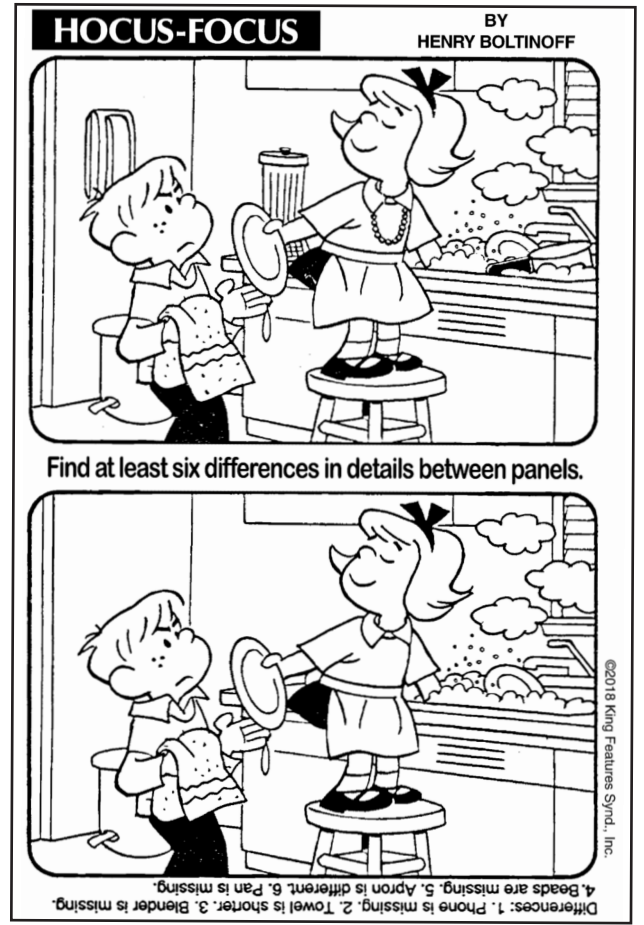
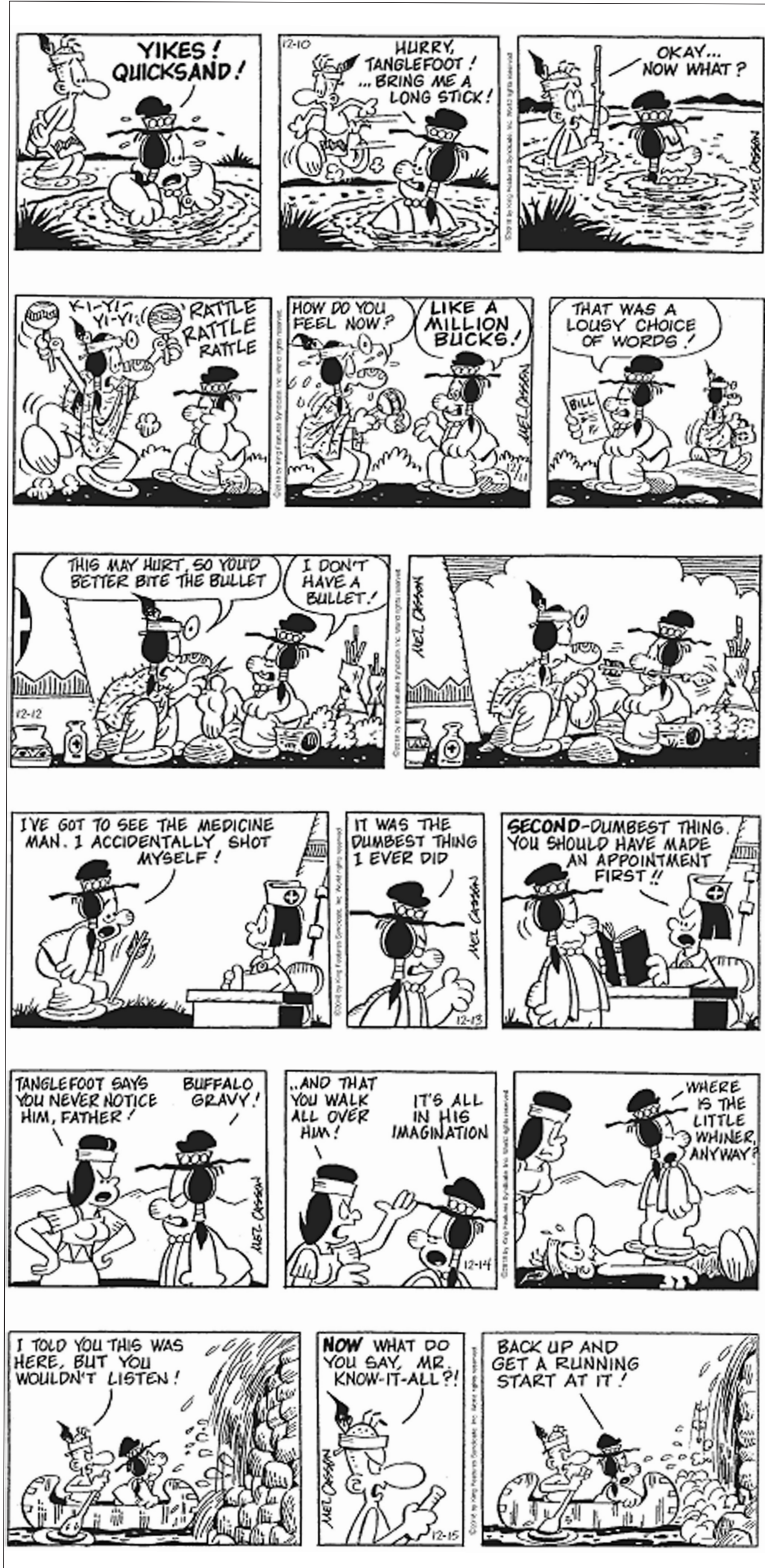
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Diary of Issac T. Goodnow - 1861

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Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow 1861

Friday, September 27.
Cut up corn. Visit from Br Baker & wife, Emery E. Gore, Call from Br Powers.—chills. Took tea at Br Denison's. Talk with Br Baker on school matters. First frost of the season this morning. Slightly bit the Tomatoe & sweet Potatoe vines. Mr Gore spent the night with us.

Saturday, September 28.
Worked over mortar cut up corn. Mowed off tops of sweet potatoes, frost bitten. Mr Baker & lady left for home. Mr Gore stops. Call from R. E. Watson. Offered Mr Marlatt a Teachers place—declines. Prospect of rain Up reading Missouri Democrat till 10 1/2.

Sunday, September 29.
A.M. Preaching at M. E. church by J. Denison P.M. 3. O'clock Bible Class. 4. sermon by J. Denison. Read some in W. Ad. Ladies Reportory, &c. Mr Gore spent the night with. Damp & cold & cloudy with prospects of rain.

Monday, September 30.
Called at Jos. Denison, with Mr. Gore. We offer Gore 3 lots on college site to build on,—a 2 story House 17 x 25. Pointed up in cellar. Eve—called at Mr Bloods & got a basket full of tomatoes, Mr Gore spent the night with us.

Tuesday, October 1.
Rainy morning. A.M. Went to Br. Powers Mended his fence with J J Roosa P.M. Went to Manhattan. Talk with G. Higinbotham, & Humphrey Eve—watched all night with Br. Powers' family.

Wednesday, October 2.
Sealed Tomatoe Cans. Engaged Miss Nancy Bemis for Assistant Teacher in College. Drew load of wood. Eve—washed all over. Stuck an awl into finger joint & nerve- Letters from W E G— J. L. Colyer, & B. Pillsbury.

Thursday, October 3.
Br. Powers worse. Arranged papers in cupboard &c. Helped Br. Powers on sugar Cane. Tim—worse. Ellen also



Isaac Goodnow was an early resident of Manhattan, Kansas, and was a free-state supporter. He was a delegate to the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention and was one of the founders of Bluemont College.

worked on cane. J. Morgan arrived from Holton. T. C. Wells. Called in the Eve— 5 Galls sorghum of McC. (?) Webber

Friday, October 4.
Mrs Marlatt frightened about her husbands absence. Preparations to send after him. Consultation with friends as to senatorship—, a division, Counsellor Union. Rode to Gen Hall's Dined there. Visit—good, not back till evening. J. Morgan spent the day here. Marlatt home safe.

Saturday, October 5.
Went to Br. Powers. All sick! Called at J. Kimball's, & at Hime's. Painted & sanded cupola—bell-deck of College. Went to Manhattan. Mr Morgan left this morning. Letters from L. H. Wisley, W. E. G. S. French.

Sunday, October 6.
A.M. At B Wells Powers, all sick. Helped them. 3. P.M. Sabbath school. Read some. Pleasant Sabbath.

Monday, October 7.
Rode to Mr. Powers & to Roosa's before breakfast. Got 50 lbs Flour. Consultation on politics. Basket of Tomatoes— nice 2 lbs soda. Looked over School books at college. Call from Humphry & Essick. Also from Childs. Poyntz & son & Howard arrived. The young man to attend school.

Tuesday, October 8.
Opened the school with 16 pupils, prospect of 18 more. Call from Mr Points, Powers &c. Rode to Mr Kimballs & Halsted's Prospect of rain. Letter from W. E. G.

Wednesday, October 9.
Called up at 1 1/4 A.M. Mr Hudson dead Helped lay him out. 2. more scholars. Arrangements for funeral of Mr. Hudson. Great change in the weather, cold.

Long look—in vain—after my cow. Read newspaper in the Eve—Pomeroy Powers stopped & slept with me.

Thursday, October 10.
Engaged in the school. Funeral of Mr Hudson Age 77. Gathered Melons, Beans, &c. Pleasant. Eve—call from McCarty & wife.

Friday, October 11.

Heavy frost this morning. In school A.M. Down town in the P.M. Talk with Pipher, Ryan, Harper, Woodman & Ed. Smyth, on Legislative matters.—plain talk!

Beautiful day. Call from Amanda Arnold. Wishes to go to school. Called at Mr Bebee's. Got a basket of Tomatoes from Mr Blood's house.

Saturday, October 12.
Mr Winne worked 2 hours on college pointing—Peck 7 hours, cut up corn. P.M. Went to town. Nomination of County Officers & Senator & Rep—Essick nominated Sen, I. T. Goodnow Representative. Went to mill 11 Bu Corn. Beautiful day.

Sunday, October 13.
Called at Mr Powers. A.M. Sermon by Rev Mr Preston. Flee Idolatry. P.M. by Rev. Nipe at college. Sabbath school at 3. P.M. Wrote W. E. G. J. S. Kline, W. R. Davis. Read some. A real summer day. Therm 56°—84°—63.°

Monday, October 14.
Brous worked on Baluster, J. Hardy on cutting up corn. Taught as usual & heard part of Miss B's classes— she being unwell. Ellen went grapeing. A.M. I rode to town Wrote to Leavenworth for books. Summer day.

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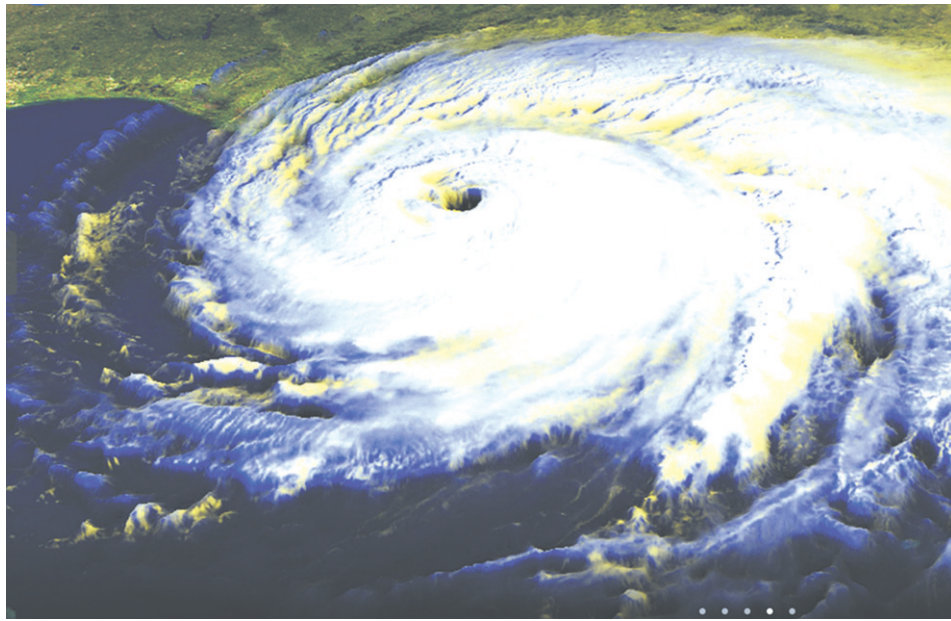
If you're like me, you're happy the White House released the latest version of the National Climate Assessment on Black Friday. Publishing the 1,700-page report the day after Thanksgiving saved me from unwanted dinner conversations about our planet's impending climate doom.

But if your aunt calls you up this week spouting claims of mass deaths, global food shortages, economic destruction, and national security risks resulting from climate change, here's what you need to know about this report.

1. It wildly exaggerates economic costs.

One statistic that media outlets have seized upon is that the worst climate scenario could cost the U.S. 10 percent of its gross domestic product by 2100. The 10 percent loss projection is more than twice the percentage that was lost during the Great Recession.

The study, funded in part by climate warrior Tom Steyer's organization, calculates these costs on the assumption that the world will be 15 degrees



(NASA)

Fahrenheit warmer. That temperature projection is even higher than the worst-case scenario predicted by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In other words, it is completely unrealistic.

2. It assumes the most extreme (and least likely) climate scenario.

The scary projections in the

National Climate Assessment rely on a theoretical climate trajectory that is known as Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5. In estimating impacts on climate change, climatologists use four representative such trajectories to project different greenhouse gas concentrations.

To put it plainly, Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 assumes a combination of bad

factors that are not likely to all coincide. It assumes "the fastest population growth (a doubling of Earth's population to 12 billion), the lowest rate of technology development, slow GDP growth, a massive increase in world poverty, plus high energy use and emissions."

Despite what the National Climate Assessment says, Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 is not a likely scenario. It estimates nearly impossible levels of coal consumption, fails to take into account the massive increase in natural gas production from the shale revolution, and ignores technological innovations that continue to occur in nuclear and renewable technologies.

When taking a more realistic view of the future of conventional fuel use and increased greenhouse gas emissions, the doomsday scenarios vanish. Climatologist Judith Curry recently wrote, "Many 'catastrophic' impacts of climate change don't really kick at the lower CO2 concentrations, and [Representative Concentration Pathway] then becomes useful as a 'scare' tactic."

3. It cherry-picks science on extreme weather and misrepresents timelines and causality.

A central feature of the National Climate Assessment is that the costs of climate are here

now, and they are only going to get worse. We're going to see more hurricanes and floods. Global warming has worsened heat waves and wildfires.

But last year's National Climate Assessment on extreme weather tells a different story. As University of Colorado Boulder professor Roger Pielke Jr. pointed out in a Twitter thread in August 2017, there were no increases in drought, no increases in frequency or magnitude of floods, no trends in frequency or intensity of hurricanes, and "low confidence for a detectable human climate change contribution in the Western United States based on existing studies."

It's hard to imagine all of that could be flipped on its head in a matter of a year.

Another sleight of hand in the National Climate Assessment is where certain graph timelines begin and end. For example, the framing of heat wave data from the 1960s to today makes it appear that there have been more heat waves in recent years. Framing wildfire data from 1985 until today makes it appear as though wildfires have been increasing in number.

But going back further tells a different story on both counts, as Pielke Jr. has explained in testimony.

Moreover, correlation is not causality. Western wildfires have been particularly bad over the past decade, but it's hard to say to what extent these are directly owing to hotter and drier temperatures. It's even more difficult to pin down how much man-made warming is to blame.

Yet the narrative of the National Climate Assessment is that climate change is directly responsible for the increase in economic and environmental destruction of western wildfires. Dismissing the complexity of factors that contribute to a changing climate and how they affect certain areas of the country is irresponsible.

4. Energy taxes are a costly non-solution.

The National Climate Assessment stresses that this report "was created to inform policy-makers and makes no specific recommendations on

how to remedy the problem." Yet the takeaway was clear: The costs of action (10 percent of America's GDP) dwarf the costs of any climate policy.

The reality, however, is that policies endorsed to combat climate change would carry significant costs and would do nothing to mitigate warming, even if there were a looming catastrophe like the National Climate Association says.

Just last month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change proposed a carbon tax of between \$135 and \$5,500 by the year 2030. An energy tax of that magnitude would bankrupt families and businesses, and undoubtedly catapult the world into economic despair.

These policies would simply divert resources away from more valuable use, such as investing in more robust infrastructure to protect against natural disasters or investing in new technologies that make Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 even more of an afterthought than it already should be.

The Trump administration is coming under criticism for publishing the report on Black Friday. To the extent that was a conscious strategy, it certainly isn't a new tactic. The Obama administration had frequent Friday night document dumps in responding to congressional inquiries about Solyndra and the Department of Energy's taxpayer-funded failures in the loan portfolio. The Environmental Protection Agency even released its Tier 3 gas regulations, which increased the price at the pump, on Good Friday.

No matter what party is in charge, the opposite party will complain about their burying the story. Regardless, the American public would be better served by enjoying the holiday season and shopping, rather than worrying about an alarmist report.

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Trump: 'I don't believe' government climate report

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday rejected a central conclusion of a dire report on the economic costs of climate change released by his own administration.

But economists said the National Climate Assessment's warning of hundreds of billions of dollars a year in global warming costs is pretty much on the money.

Just look at last year with Hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma, they said. Those three 2017 storms caused at least \$265 billion in damage, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The climate report, quietly unveiled Friday, warned that natural disasters are worsening

in the United States because of global warming.

It said warming-charged extremes "have already become more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration." The report noted the last few years have smashed U.S. records for damaging weather, costing nearly \$400 billion since 2015.

"The potential for losses in some sectors could reach hundreds of billions of dollars per year by the end of this century," the report said. It added that if emissions of heat-trapping gases continue at current levels, labor costs in outdoor industries during heat waves could cost \$155 billion in lost wages per year by 2090.

The president said he read some of the report "and it's fine" but not the part about the

devastating economic impact.

"I don't believe it," Trump said, adding that if "every other place on Earth is dirty, that's not so good."

Nearly every country in the world in 2015 pledged to reduce or slow the growth of carbon dioxide emissions, the chief greenhouse gas.

"We're already there," said Wesleyan University economist Gary Yohe, who was a reviewer of the national report, which was produced by 13 federal agencies and outside scientists. "Climate change is making a noticeable impact on our economy right now: Harvey, Florence, Michael, Maria."

Yohe said, "It is devastating at particular locations, but for the entire country? No."



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