

'Nothing, nothing.' Aid lags in ravaged Puerto Rico

MONTEBELLO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Relatives helped Maribel Valentin Espino find shelter when Hurricane Maria roared through her community in northern Puerto Rico.

Valentin and her husband say they have not seen anyone from the Puerto Rican government, much less the Federal Emergency Management Agency, since the storm tore up the island Sept. 20, killing at least 16 people and leaving nearly all 3.4 million people in Puerto Rico without power and most without water.

"People say FEMA is going to help us," Valentin said Tuesday as she showed Associated Press journalists around the sodden wreckage of her home.

Many others are also waiting for help from anyone from the federal or Puerto Rican government. But the scope of the devastation is so broad, and the relief effort so concentrated in San Juan, that many people from outside the capital say they have received little to no help.

Valentin, her husband and teenage son live in one such area, Montebello, a 20-minute drive into what used to be lushly forested mountains near the northern coastal municipality of Manati.

In Morovis, Manolo Gonzalez built a makeshift raft out of a plastic pallet buoyed by soda bottles to help neighbors ferry food, gasoline and other basic supplies across a river where the bridge was destroyed.

"There's no food over there," Gonzalez said. "We have to help each other because that's all we have."

The same complaint echoed throughout the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa.

"Nothing, nothing, nothing," said 58-year-old retiree Angel Luis Rodriguez. "I've lost everything, and no one has shown up to see if anyone lives here."

Trump plan promises tax cuts, but big questions remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promising big tax cuts and a booming economy, President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans unveiled the first major revamp of the nation's tax code in a generation Wednesday — a sweeping, nearly \$6 trillion tax cut that would deeply reduce levies for corporations, simplify everyone's brackets and nearly double the standard deduction used by most Americans.

Trump declared repeatedly the plan



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

Neighbors sit on a couch outside their destroyed homes as sun sets in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, Tuesday.

would provide badly needed tax relief for the middle class. But there are too many gaps in the proposal to know how it actually would affect individual taxpayers and families, how it would be paid for and how much it might add to the soaring \$20 trillion national debt.

There clearly would be seismic changes for businesses large and small, with implications for companies beyond U.S. borders. The American middle-class family of four could take advantage of a hefty child tax credit and other deductions but face uncertainty about the rate its household income would be taxed.

"Under our framework, we will dramatically cut the business tax rate so that American companies and American workers can beat our foreign competitors and start winning again," Trump boasted at a speech in Indiana.

Dark days for McConnell as losses cast doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans reckoned Wednesday with an insurgent's win in Alabama that poses clear threats to their own grip on power and the leadership of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Nearly \$10 million spent by a McConnell-backed super PAC couldn't save incumbent GOP Sen. Luther Strange, who had been endorsed by President Donald Trump as well. It came the same day that McConnell, short of votes, pulled the plug on the latest and possibly final GOP effort to repeal and replace "Obamacare."

Coming together, the events raised questions about McConnell's leadership within the Senate and without, casting doubt on his reputation both as a seasoned political operator and a nearly unbeatable

vote-counter on Capitol Hill.

"I'd hate to think about where we would be without Sen. McConnell's efforts. But I think we'll learn from it, and we'll adjust," McConnell's No. 2, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, said of the victory of rabble-rousing former jurist Roy Moore, known for hanging the Ten Commandments in his courtroom in defiance of federal court orders.

Trump says he's not happy with HHS Secretary Price

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Wednesday he is "not happy" with Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price following reports that Price used a private plane for official business.

And Trump says he let Price know it. Asked whether he's planning on firing Price, Trump responded: "We'll see."

Trump spoke to reporters Wednesday as he departed the White House for a trip to Indianapolis to sell his tax plan.

Price said Saturday he would stop flying private planes on official business while an internal review of the flights is being done. He's also said he welcomes the review.

Trump's comments came as a congressional committee launched a wide-ranging examination of air travel by high-ranking Trump officials following reports that Price used pricey charters when cheaper commercial flights were available.

The House Oversight and Government Reform committee sent detailed records requests to the White House and 24 federal agencies.

Signed by committee's top Republican

and Democrat, the requests demand information on political appointees' use of government planes for personal travel, as well as their use of private charters for official travel.

Congressional investigators are asking for records dating back to Trump's first day in office.

Greek coroner: British hiker attacked, devoured by wolves

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — A missing British hiker whose dismembered, fleshless remains were found in the hills of northern Greece was probably attacked by wolves while walking alone on a remote path, torn apart and devoured, a Greek coroner said after an autopsy Wednesday.

Coroner Nikos Kifnidis told The Associated Press that both the woman's thigh bones had been cracked open by bites and large sections of her body are still missing. He said a vet at Wednesday's autopsy in the nearby town of Komotini confirmed that no dog or jackal could have administered such bites.

The remains — mostly bare, gnawed bones — were discovered Saturday near the village of Petrota, 285 kilometers (180 miles) east of the city of Thessaloniki.

Near them, authorities found a passport for Celia Lois Hollingworth, 63, whom the British embassy in Athens reported missing in the area Friday. The woman's brother in England had raised the alarm with British authorities, reportedly telling them she had phoned to say she was being attacked by dogs.

Police have not confirmed the identity of the remains but say they most likely belong to Hollingworth.

"I concluded that the woman was attacked by wild animals who devoured her," Kifnidis said. "I think she was eaten by a wolf or wolves."

Wolves roam remote parts of Greece and have been reported in the Petrota area but attacks on humans are very rare and no fatal attacks have been reported in decades.

Default rate on federal student loans inches up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government records show the number of people who are defaulting on their federal student debt is increasing.

The Education Department says more than 580,000 students who started repaying their debt in fiscal year 2014 defaulted on their loans by the fall of 2016. That puts the default rate at 11.5 percent. The figure was 11.3 percent for the previous year.

Seven for-profit schools, two public and one private institution with high default rates are at risk of losing access to federal student aid programs. High default rates are defined as 30 percent or greater over three consecutive years or 40 percent or greater for the latest year.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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THURSDAY LATE NIGHT & FRIDAY MORNING

Table listing TV schedules for Thursday late night and Friday morning, including channels like FOX, CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS, with their respective programs and times.