



Plumes of smoke flow towards the Pacific Ocean as seen from a helicopter over the Malibu section of Los Angeles.

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WORLD OF AWE AND BEAUTY

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Through the eyes of Associated Press photographers, the world of 2018 was always captivating, sometimes comical, often awe-inspiring — and above all, beautiful.

They saw beauty in the clouds of smoke from a California wildfire, captured from aloft; splendor in nature’s destructive power; oddities in the goat tree of Morocco.

Here are a few of the photos that showcased the natural world.



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Tree-climbing goats feed on an *Argania spinosa*, known as an Argan tree, in Essaouira, southwestern Morocco. By eating the fruit and spitting out the seeds, the goats help in the process of manufacturing Argan oil.



AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd

A diver carries lobsters during a fishing journey near Cay Savannah, in the Miskito coast, Honduras. A diver receives 75 lempiras (three dollars) per pound of lobster.



AP Photo/David Goldman

Russ Lewis covers his eyes from a gust of wind and a blast of sand as Hurricane Florence approaches Myrtle Beach, S.C., Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.



AP Photo/Ben Curtis

A tranquilized elephant lies on the ground during an operation to attach a GPS tracking collar in Mikumi National Park, Tanzania.

Trunks: Woman carries family history from Oregon to New York City and back

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“I listened to his stories,” she said. “I found it all really fascinating. He didn’t have children, so I asked my uncle, could I have his genealogy when he passes away. He said yes and I inherited boxes and a suitcase full of stuff. I am the keeper of the stuff.”

The history revealed a clear family connection to Eastern Oregon and Pendleton. As a kid growing up in Portland, Davis often came east with her parents and two siblings to Pendleton for visits. Her great-grandparents, Sidney (S.J.) and Mary (Jennie) Cardwell, farmed near Athena (among other spots) after coming west from Missouri in the 1890s. The trunks belonged to her great-grandfather and inside are some of his hand-tied fishing flies and a creel. Her great-grandfather also played the fiddle and he and his oldest daughter (who played the piano) traveled by horseback to play at barn dances. Though Davis never met them, she feels their presence.

Davis also has a rock-



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kay Davis sits on her great-grandmother’s rocking chair, part of “the family stuff” she has collected over time.

ing chair in which her great-grandmother rocked all 10 of her babies. Her great-aunt Ella, the young-

est of the brood, got the chair and Ella’s husband, Watt Scroggin, later restored it at his North Hill home. She can still envision her uncle, with whom she shares a birthday, in boots, pressed jeans, western shirt, cowboy hat and fancy belt buckle. The rocker he refinished with his own hands is now part of the family “stuff.”

During her time of trouble, Davis found additional comfort in reconnecting with Stewart, finding him using classmates.com in 2004. They emailed on and off as friends for about 10 years. Finally, Stewart said, “If you aren’t doing anything else, come to New York.” She did and rediscovered love.

“It was magic,” Davis said. “All of the sudden, we were teenagers again. It was like putting on my favorite T-shirt.”

“I still feel that way,” Stewart said.

They are engaged to marry in the fall of 2020.

In the summer of 2017, the couple did a cross country road trip to Pendleton and back, visiting dozens of states along the way. In their GMC Yukon, they stopped at iconic locales and did photo shoots for

Stewart’s shirt design company, of which Davis is now a part. They packed a vintage sewing machine to appear in various shots in corn fields, at the coast, in the badlands of South Dakota and other spots for a new line of American-made shirts called “Sea to Shining Sea.”

They arrived in Pendleton, settling in at the home of her cousin Judy Hague-wood, and then headed downtown. As they walked down Main Street, Stewart made a comment that shocked Davis.

“I could live here,” he said.

“I just looked at him. I’m like ‘What? Really?’” Davis recalls. “He goes, ‘Yeah, there’s something about this place.’ I said, ‘Do you know how I’m connected to this town?’ I had never told him any of the family history.”

They discussed it all the way home to New York. Last April, they came west again to attend Davis’ father’s funeral. Afterwards they headed to Pendleton to find a storefront in which to locate a popup business during the next Pendleton

Round-Up for their American shirt company. Instead they found a spot on Main Street where they could move permanently. About six months ago, the couple packed a small U-Haul and headed to Pendleton. Their shop, Old School Shirt Makers New York, will open on February 1.

“We had to have the store here,” Stewart said. “It was a no-brainer.”

The steamer trunks and her great-grandmother’s rocking chair will have places of honor in the store. In Pendleton, Davis feels at peace and closer to her family history than ever.

“It feels right,” she said. “I definitely have a sense of wanting to make my ancestors proud and that I’m paying respect and homage to what they did. They came here in the 1890s and it feels full circle. I’ve always felt an intense connection to this part of the family. If they were to come back and walk through the wall I’m hoping they would say they’re proud of me.”

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