



Rosario Ruiz Figueroa and her daughter, Gisol Airam, 6, surveyed the damage near their home in the state of Colima, Mexico.

Mexico Exhales After Surviving A Giant Storm

By AZAM AHMED and PAULINA VILLEGAS

CIHUATLÁN, Mexico — A day after Hurricane Patricia all but destroyed his home, Roberto García López took the unusual step of going to work.

He left the wreck of shattered doors and windows, broken columns and splintered trees, filled a cooler with shrimp and began selling his wares on the street on Saturday afternoon.

A short while later, Sabina Montes, a fruit vendor, joined him to peddle cut pineapple, papaya and slaw. Carlos Agustín Manzo, the owner of a store selling bootleg videos and cellphone accessories, also declared himself open for business.

"Yesterday there was so much fear, people thought they were going to die," said Mr. García, cracking a broad smile as he eased the cooler's lid over the seafood to keep it from the blistering heat. "We're all just relieved that nothing happened. I can't tell you how happy I am."

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It might seem odd for a man

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Amid Splits, Catholic Bishops Crack Open Door on Divorce

By LAURIE GOODSTEIN and ELISABETTA POVOLEDO

VATICAN CITY — After a three-week global assembly on family issues that exposed their deep divisions, Roman Catholic bishops produced a consensus document on Saturday that reinforced church doctrine but appeared to give Pope Francis enough support to advance his vision of a more merciful church.

The church doors opened just a crack for Catholics who divorced and remarried without receiving an annulment of their first marriages, and for those living together without being married. They remained firmly shut to same-sex marriage, even as the document said gay people should be treated with respect.

The document, which offers recommendations to the pope, was so carefully worded that it was immediately open to competing interpretations and allowed both the conservative and liberal flanks in the church to claim victory.

Conservatives rejoiced that the bishops held the line on church doctrine that a marriage is permanent and that homosexuality is unacceptable, although some worried that the document introduced confusion about whether

divorced couples can be given the sacrament of communion.

Church liberals exulted that Francis had gotten the church's hierarchy to take up issues that were long considered taboo, and that the bishops' final report did not include anything that would block him outright from making change.

The next steps are now with Francis, who after three weeks of assembly meetings, backbiting and intrigue now has a clearer picture of the forces arrayed for and against change. Francis made a strong plea for inclusiveness in his final address to the assembly, known as a synod, which brought together about 270 bishops from around the world.

The synod, Francis said, "was about laying bare the closed hearts which frequently hide even behind the church's teachings or good intention, in order to sit in the chair of Moses and judge, sometimes with superiority and superficiality, difficult cases and wounded families."

The bishops called on Francis to issue his own document on the family. He is expected to do so,

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White House Moves to Limit School Testing

By KATE ZERNIKE

Faced with mounting and bipartisan opposition to increased and often high-stakes testing in the nation's public schools, the Obama administration declared Saturday that the push had gone too far, acknowledged its own role in the proliferation of tests, and urged schools to step back and make exams less onerous and more purposeful.

Specifically, the administration called for a cap on assessment so that no child would spend more than 2 percent of classroom instruction time taking tests. It called on Congress to "reduce over-testing" as it reauthorizes the federal legislation governing the nation's public elementary and secondary schools.

"I still have no question that we need to check at least once a year to make sure our kids are on track or identify areas where they need support," said Arne Duncan, the secretary of education, who has announced that he will leave office in December. "But I can't tell you how many conversations I'm in with educators who are understandably stressed and concerned about an overemphasis on testing in some places and how much time testing and test prep are taking from instruction."

"It's important that we're all honest with ourselves," he continued. "At the federal, state and local level, we have all supported policies that have contributed to the problem in implementation. We can and will work with states, districts and educators to help

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Charlie Hebdo's Recovery Opens New Wounds

By NICOLA CLARK

PARIS — Days after two gunmen burst into the offices of the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo on Jan. 7, slaughtering nearly a dozen of his colleagues and friends, Laurent Sourisseau propped himself up in his hospital bed and began to draw.

A bullet shattered Mr. Sourisseau's right shoulder blade during the attack, immobilizing his drawing arm. But as police guards stood watch outside, the cartoonist, who goes by the pen name Riss, scratched out a series of shaky caricatures with his left hand.

The drawings — two of which were published in a "survivors' issue" that appeared a week after the attacks — may have looked tentative in their execution, but their tone was characteristically irreverent.

"Twenty-five years of work to become a cartoonist at Charlie Hebdo," Mr. Sourisseau's caption reads. "To be a terrorist takes 25 seconds." It then labeled terror-



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Readership of Charlie Hebdo has soared since the paper was attacked in January. Its newfound wealth has divided its staff.

ists as lazy "branleurs," an off-color word for jerk.

In the more than nine months since then, Mr. Sourisseau, 49, has regained most of the use of his arm. He is drawing right-handed again, and though he tires easily, he has succeeded his slain friend Stéphane Charbonnier as editorial director. But for

him and his surviving colleagues, healing from the attack's physical wounds has been, in many ways, the easy part.

The more bewildering challenge, Mr. Sourisseau said in a recent interview, has been adapting to Charlie Hebdo's instant trans-

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ago. They have watched the rise of Donald J. Trump with alarm, and seen how Jeb Bush, the one-time Florida governor, has languished despite early advantages of political pedigree and campaign money.

On Friday, the Bush campaign said it was slashing staff salaries and positions after disappointing polls and lackluster debate performances, a recognition that a vast operation built when Mr. Bush was leading the pack early this year cannot be maintained.

No one, it seems, is more perplexed than the family patriarch

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The Irish actress played strong-willed characters in the 1940s and '50s in films such as "Miracle on 34th Street," "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Quiet Man." She was 95.

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