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Photo: Chinese H-6N Bomber Spotted Hauling Huge Suspected Hypersic Missile  
by [Morgan Artyukhina](#)

A new video of a Chinese H-6N bomber carrying a huge missile underneath its belly has emerged online. While the projectile's identity remains unknown, the additional visual evidence heavily points to a hypersonic air-launched weapon, possibly of air-breathing design.

Footage [posted on Chinese social media site Sina Weibo](#) earlier this week shows another Xian H-6N bomber with one of the huge missiles it was specially designed to carry.

A Chinese Xian H-6N bomber is spotted carrying a ballistic missile, possibly a DF-17 hypersonic glide vehicle, in a video posted to Chinese social media

[According to The Drive's The War Zone](#), the missile is roughly 40 feet long, or one-third the length of the 737-sized aircraft, and tapers at the front in a way uncommon for typical ballistic missiles. The outlet concluded the missile is most likely a Dongfeng-17, one of the hypersonic glide vehicles unveiled at the 70th National Day parade in Beijing last year. At 36 feet long, the missile roughly fits the size and profile of that seen in the video.

Making their debut in the general public for the first time, DF-17 hypersonic missiles join China's National Day parade held in Beijing on October 1, 2019

The missile is assumed to be of [the same type seen in a previous video that appeared](#) on Weibo last month. However, Beijing is believed to be working on a number of hypersonic weapon designs as well as [developing conventional air-launched ballistic missiles \(ALBMs\)](#), and the intelligence [made public about them has been vague](#) and possibly overlapping.

However, after the first video emerged and analysts began speculating on what it was, [two People's Liberation Army insiders told the South China Morning Post \(SCMP\)](#) the missile was of a new type: a hypersonic variant of the Changjian series of cruise missiles. If that's the case, it's a truly huge cruise missile: Russia's Kinzhal supersonic/hypersonic cruise missile is [just 26 feet long, according to military observers](#).

[In May, the SCMP reported the Institute of Mechanics](#) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences had tested a scramjet missile. Perfecting a scramjet, which is like a regular jet engine but optimized to work at much, much faster speeds, would greatly aid development of a hypersonic cruise missile, which must push itself all the way to its target at speeds conventional rockets only reach for a few minutes.

By comparison, [hypersonic glide vehicles like the Dongfeng-17 and Russia's Avangard](#) are boosted by conventional ballistic missiles - which always reach hypersonic speeds - and use that tremendous speed to maneuver the smaller glide vehicle through the atmosphere during a second, unpowered stage of their flight.

Rendering of an AGM-183A Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW) showing its hypersonic glide warhead

The status of the weapon seen in the video is totally unknown, so it's possible the filmed flights are part of further tests of the scramjet missile. No photos of the Chinese scramjet have become public, but a look at the [profiles of the Boeing X-51A Waverider](#) and China's own [Jiageng hypersonic aircraft tested by Xiamen University](#) students in the Gobi Desert in April 2019 shows they could pass for the weapon in the video as well.

The final possibility is that the missile is a conventional ALBM. The People's Liberation Army Rocket Force has been working on several adaptations of surface-launched ballistic missiles for use on the new H-6N, [including the Dongfeng-21, which has been dubbed a "carrier-killer"](#) threat to US fleets.

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'Don't Worry Eric': Ryanair Mocks Trump's Son, Offers Flight Deals Amid US Election Uncertainty

by [Gaby Arancibia](#)

Low-cost airline Ryanair recently pulled no punches on social media, using every chance it scooped to toss out a jab or two at the Trump reelection campaign. Most recently, the Ireland-based company set its sights on none other than US President Donald Trump's second son, Eric.

With the winner of the US election yet to be officially decided, Ryanair has opted for some fun on Twitter, [sending out a variety of snarky tweets](#) throughout the week. However, early Friday, the airline took the cake when it fired off a tweet mocking Eric Trump's dwindling access to presidential aircraft.

"The look of a man who might not have access to Air Force One in the future and will have to fly commercial," read the tweet, which included an image of Eric from a recent news conference. "Don't worry Eric, we have €9.99 fares next time you're in Europe."

The image Ryanair used for the tweet was actually [snapped during a news conference](#) called by the Trump campaign on Wednesday in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The impromptu event saw Eric, the president's personal lawyer and adviser Rudy Giuliani and other members of the campaign criticize the vote counting process and threaten lawsuits after alleging that Trump campaign election observers weren't being allowed to monitor it.

Although allegations of voter fraud have been repeatedly made by the Trump campaign, officials have failed to provide solid evidence.

Within moments of the tweet being published, netizens were shook.

Others, however, were more interested in dragging Ryanair over yet-to-be paid refunds for canceled flights and lagging service.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ryanair has paid out nearly \$2 billion in cash refunds or vouchers on canceled flights, but is now moving away from offering refunds as the UK government imposes a second lockdown in England, [according to The Guardian](#). The matter has proven a strain on frustrated customers, many of whom were left in refund limbo.

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Stylish Pup Sports Sunglasses During Joyride - Video Club

For one pup living it up in Tokyo, Japan, sunny days mean sunglasses, joyrides and making the most of the great weather.

Video recently obtained by licensor ViralHog captures one bully breed pooch wearing a stylish pair of sunglasses while letting the breeze flow through their silky, smooth coat, much to the joy of one particular commuter.

It's safe to say this pup is surely gaining some new fans in town.

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Israel to Receive First Stealthy Sa'ar 6-Class Warship Armed With Interceptor Missiles  
by [Morgan Artyukhina](#)

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) will receive the first of its new Sa'ar 6-class corvettes at a ceremony next week from Germany, where the ships are being made. The warship will sport a range of missile interceptors and powerful radar to protect Israel's sprawling offshore gas fields. [According to a report by the Times of Israel](#), a ceremonial changing of the ship's flag from German to Israeli will take place on November 11, and the vessel will be named the INS Magen - the first of four warships in the new class.

Weighing in at roughly 2,000 tons, the Sa'ar 6 is loosely based on Germany's Braunschweig-class ships, also built by German producer ThyssenKrupp. However, it has been significantly modified to accommodate Israeli needs, such as the Iron Dome and David's Sling air defense systems [as well as the Barak-8 ballistic missile interceptor system](#). [Defense News reported demand for the ships](#) was sparked by fears that Hezbollah, Hamas or even Iran could target Israel's offshore gas infrastructure with missiles, especially since Israel is heavily dependent on natural gas for electricity.

The ship also has a stealthy radar cross-section, making it smaller on enemy radars. The INS Magen is expected to be followed by the INS Oz, INS Atzma'ut and INS Nitzahon within the next year.

The deal for ThyssenKrupp to build the Sa'ar 6-class ships is also part of the graft investigation into several leading Israeli businessmen, including several associates of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Israeli Navy commander Eli Marom. [Prosecutors have alleged the officials accepted massive bribes](#) from ThyssenKrupp in exchange for signing a much bigger contract for the ships.

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'Dante-Esque Scenes': Hundreds Feared Dead in Central America After 'Catastrophic' Hurricane Eta

by [Morgan Artyukhina](#)

As tropical depression Eta returns to the Caribbean, albeit greatly weakened by its pass over Central America, the cyclone leaves devastation in its wake, including hundreds of bodies. The slow-moving Hurricane Eta arrived in the region on Tuesday as a Category 4 storm, dropping more than a foot of rain and exposing areas to long durations of its nearly 150-mile-per-hour winds. [Uprooted trees, rivers and creeks pushed over their banks](#) and rain-soaked hillsides giving way under the weight have killed dozens of people and destroyed a wide swath of the region's infrastructure.

However, [according to the Washington Post, many meteorologists regarded](#) the storm as an ultra-powerful Category 5 cyclone, [which might have had winds of up to 190 miles per hour](#) at its core, according to satellite readings that could not be verified by storm-tracking aircraft.

In Nicaragua, [which Eta hit first at its peak strength](#), a landslide killed two miners. The storm impacted the North Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region, which has a large population of Indigenous people, but where the military helped relocate thousands of families ahead of landfall.

Hours after landfall, Eta quickly weakened from a Category 4 hurricane to a Category 2 storm. By the time it reached Belize three days later, it had weakened to a barely-organized tropical depression with winds of just 40 miles per hour.

In Honduras, [the Associated Press reported that](#) at least 21 people had been killed, most of them in mudslides. In El Salvador, only one person was reported killed by the storm: [a fisherman who went out to sea against safety advisories](#).

"We know there are a lot of dead people, we've seen them, but until we receive official information we can't certify them," Marvin Aparicio, head of Honduras' Center for Atmospheric, Oceanographic and Seismic Studies, told AP on Friday. "In the coming hours, we are going to start to see, to our regret, Dante-esque scenes of people found dead" as floodwaters recede, he added, comparing the situation to the 14-century Italian poet's lines describing souls banished to Hell.

Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei confirmed to reporters on Friday that the storm had caused massive landslides there as well, including one that was estimated to have buried 150 homes in the village of Queja near San Cristobal Verapaz.

"At this moment we calculate that, between the dead and those missing, non-official figures put it at more or less 150 dead, and we say non-official because we don't have it totally confirmed," [Giammattei told reporters, according to AAP](#).

Eta entered open waters again on Friday near Belize, a greatly weakened storm. However, [according to the US National Hurricane Center](#), the storm is forecast to zigzag across Cuba and the Florida Keys, avoiding landfall on the US mainland and turning westward into the Gulf of

Mexico again by next Tuesday. The agency's present forecast has Eta strengthening into a tropical storm again but does not predict it regaining hurricane status.

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Trump Campaign Soliciting at Least \$60 Million From Donors to Fund Election Lawsuits - Report by [Morgan Artyukhina](#)

According to two sources that tipped off Reuters on Friday, the election campaign of US President Donald Trump is asking donors to cough up at least \$60 million to fund its legal challenges to ballot counting procedures in several states.

As Trump continues to challenge ballot counting procedures in several US states in the wake of the presidential election on Tuesday, legal costs are mounting, and the campaign is looking to its supporters to foot the bill.

"They want \$60 million," [one GOP donor told Reuters on Friday](#) after the Republican National Committee solicited them for money. The source didn't say if they obliged the president.

[According to official ballot counts](#), Trump is significantly behind Democratic challenger Joe Biden in terms of both the Electoral College and the popular vote, although the latter has no legal bearing on the outcome of the election. Trump has accrued 214 electoral votes and 69.8 million individual votes, while Biden has 264 electoral votes and 73.8 million individual votes. However, in several key states, where electoral votes are awarded winner-take-all style by simple majority, Trump and Biden are neck-and-neck, and Trump has mounted legal challenges [alleging mishandling of the ballots by election officials](#) resulting in Biden gaining the lead.

"All of the recent Biden claimed States will be legally challenged by us for Voter Fraud and State Election Fraud. Plenty of proof - just check out the Media," [Trump tweeted on Thursday in a post flagged by Twitter](#) for spreading election disinformation. "WE WILL WIN! America First!"

According to the [campaign finance data cited by the New York Times](#), Trump's campaign struggled to bring in cash in the months leading up to the election, with Biden holding onto nearly three times as much as him by late October.

However, his campaigns have already shelled out nearly as much in other legal fees over the years.

In September, [a joint project by the New York Times and the Campaign Finance Institute](#) reported that Trump and his affiliated political groups had spent at least \$58.4 million worth of donations on legal fees and compliance work since Trump started running for the presidency for the first time in 2015 - roughly six times what former US President Barack Obama's two successful campaigns in 2008 and 2012 spent.

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#### US Government Seizes \$1 Billion in Bitcoin Linked to Dark Web Marketplace

The US government has seized \$1 billion worth of bitcoins linked to criminal marketplace Silk Road in the largest seizure of cryptocurrency by the US Department of Justice (DoJ) to date, the agency confirmed this week.

“Silk Road was the most notorious online criminal marketplace of its day,” US Attorney David Anderson of the Northern District of California said in a [news release Thursday](#).

“The successful prosecution of Silk Road’s founder in 2015 left open a billion-dollar question. Where did the money go?” Anderson added.

Silk Road is a now-shuttered online black market best known for selling illegal drugs. The platform allowed people to buy and sell drugs and other illegal items using bitcoins.

The marketplace was [shut down](#) by federal authorities in 2013, and its founder, Ross Ulbricht, was [sentenced to life in prison](#) two years later.

When Ulbricht was arrested in October 2013, federal authorities seized about 175,000 bitcoins. However, authorities stated that the website had collected more than 600,000 bitcoins through sale commissions. The latest seizure accounts for some of those bitcoins, the DoJ explains. According to [court documents](#), the DoJ seized around 70,000 bitcoins, worth about \$1 billion, with the help of an unidentified hacker who is only referred to as “Individual X” in the documents. The bitcoins had been stolen from Ulbricht in 2012 and 2013 by the hacker, who liquidated some of them, [the Wall Street Journal explained](#). However, many of the bitcoins were left in a digital account called a wallet.

The coins were also seized after blockchain analysts at London-based firm Elliptic noticed the movement of more than 69,000 bitcoins in a transaction from a digital wallet linked to Ulbricht, [the Washington Examiner explained](#).

Tom Robinson, co-founder at Elliptic, said the movement of bitcoins “may represent Ulbricht or a Silk Road vendor moving their funds” but that it “seems unlikely that Ulbricht would be able to conduct a bitcoin transaction from prison,” [CNBC reported](#).

The bitcoins seized this week are expected to be far more valuable than they would have been in 2013, when bitcoins were trading at around \$130 each. Currently, the [cryptocurrency’s price is around \\$15,000](#).

The seizure was the result of an investigation spearheaded earlier this year by the DoJ, the Internal Revenue Service’s criminal investigations unit and Chainalysis and Excygent, two firms that make bitcoin-analytics software.

The US government has yet to say what it will do with the seized bitcoins. In the past, cryptocurrency seized by authorities has been auctioned off.

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## US Counties With Highest COVID-19 Infection Rates Overwhelmingly Voted for Trump - Study

An analysis by the Associated Press (AP) reveals that US President Donald Trump received enormous support from voters in US counties with the highest numbers of new COVID-19 cases per capita.

In fact, the analysis reveals that 93% of 376 counties with the highest numbers of new COVID-19 cases per capita voted for US President Donald Trump in the 2020 election. AP did not specify the time frame used to determine case counts for the analysis.

Most of those counties were rural ones in Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Wisconsin, which are also areas that have lower rates of mask-wearing and social distancing, [according to AP](#).

The analysis, however, was limited to counties where at least 95% of precincts had reported election results. In addition, the counties were grouped into six categories based on COVID-19 case rates per 100,000 residents.

“Public health officials need to step back, listen to and understand the people who aren’t taking the same stance [on mask-wearing and other measures],” Dr. Marcus Plescia of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials said in a statement to AP.

“I think there’s the potential for things to get less charged and divisive,” he added.

There also appears to be a divide between Republican and Democratic voters on the US’ pandemic response.

According to AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of over 110,000 voters, 36% of Trump voters said the pandemic is completely or mostly under control, while 47% said it is somewhat under control. However, 82% of voters who supported Democratic nominee Joe Biden said the COVID-19 pandemic is not under control in the US.

The survey also shows that the pandemic is considered somewhat controlled by slight majorities in many Republican-leaning states such as Alabama (60%), Missouri (54%), Mississippi (58%), Kentucky (55%), Texas (55%), Tennessee (56%) and South Carolina (56%).

In Wisconsin, where COVID-19 cases spiked just before the US election, more than half of surveyed residents (57%) said the pandemic was not under control.

Trump voters interviewed by AP voiced that they believed the president was doing as good a job as anyone could in responding to the pandemic, also highlighting that they value individual freedom.

“I feel like the most important issue facing the country as a whole is liberty at large. Infringing on people’s freedom, government overrule, government overreach, chaos in a lot of issues currently going on and just giving people back their rights,” Michaela Lane, a 25-year-old Republican, told AP.

However, for other voters interviewed by AP, Trump’s response to the pandemic prompted them to cast a vote for Biden.

“If there was any chance that I was going to vote for Trump, it was eliminated because of the pandemic,” Eric Engstrom, a 31-year-old investment analyst, told AP.

The analysis also found that US voters had largely favorable views of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, with 53% of Trump voters approving of Fauci’s response to the pandemic. On the other hand, about 90% of Biden voters

approved of Fauci's handling of COVID-19. Overall, 73% of voters had a good opinion of Fauci's performance during the pandemic.

Americans continue to wait for the results of the 2020 election, with Biden leading Trump in several battleground states, including Pennsylvania, Arizona and Nevada.

The latest data by AP shows that Biden is leading the race with a total of 264 electoral votes, just six shy of the 270 required to take the presidency. Trump, on the other hand, trails with 214 votes.

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'Shoddy, Poorly Written' Lawsuits by Trump Campaign Yet Another Way to Suppress Vote - Experts

Barbara Arnwine, president and founder of the Transformative Justice Coalition, and Rev. Dr. Sharon Anderson, CEO of KCG Consulting and a former associate professor of law, joined Political Misfits to discuss the lawsuits over ballot counting and how the US voting system needs to be revamped to prevent voter suppression.

In recent days, US President Donald Trump's campaign has filed lawsuits in several states including Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia, calling for better access for poll observers in locations where ballots are being processed and counted. The lawsuits also raise concerns about absentee ballots.

The Trump campaign also filed lawsuits this week to halt ballot counting in Michigan and Georgia and took legal action to change the ballot receipt deadline in Pennsylvania. The campaign [has already lost the lawsuits](#) in Michigan and Georgia related to alleged electoral malpractice.

"I think somebody put it very well when they said when you read these complaints, you're shocked at how shoddy and poorly written they are and how lacking in evidence they are," Arnwine told [hosts Michelle Witte and Bob Schlehuder on Friday](#).

She noted that "most of the lawsuits, as people can imagine, are designed to stop the vote count. Some just straight up [try to] stop the vote count. They believe that mail-in ballots weren't properly processed or the voters didn't do the right thing."

"Others are about trying to seek to have more observers, because all the parties have observers ... Don't believe anything other than that, because that's just the truth. But they just want more. They just want to slow down the process of voting to avoid a 270 count" in the Electoral College for Democratic challenger Joe Biden, Arnwine said.

Despite allegations by the Trump campaign that there has been voter fraud involving mail-in absentee ballots, Michael Link, the head of an international delegation monitoring the US election, announced this week that there is no evidence to support those claims, [AP reported](#).

"There is no credible evidence of widespread voter fraud anymore. And that is not just a Democratic position or a liberal position. This is even a position by many conservatives and Republicans," Anderson, former associate professor at the Howard University School of Law and Georgetown Law, told Sputnik.

“With this particular election, we’re seeing more mail-in ballots and more early voting” due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she noted.

“And in most jurisdictions, we can’t start that count until after the in-person elections end. And so, this whole concept of there being voter fraud and mail-in ballots being wrong is really just a challenge in order to see if there’s any way that President Trump could remain president.”

The election has also shed light on the disparities in voting procedures across US states, Arnwine pointed out.

“It makes no sense that in certain states you can early vote and in others you can’t,” Arnwine told Sputnik.

“It makes zero sense that the provisional ballot laws differ in every state. We need a lot of law reform. There’s a lot of things that need to be done to [prevent] horrible states [from] still engaging in voter suppression,” she added.

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Netizens Unite With Laughter at Pornhub Pop-Up in Fake CNN ‘Magic Wall’ Video  
by [Evan Craighead](#)

Netizens stressed with the monotony of the prolonged US election vote counting were recently given a brief break when a doctored video showed a Pornhub push notification popping up on CNN’s “magic wall.”

CNN chief national correspondent and “magic wall” whisperer John King appeared guilty in a viral social media video on Friday that showed him quickly swiping away a Pornhub notification. “CNN had pornhub pop up on national television,” said Twitter user @Mufaa6 on Friday. Similar accusations were made by other accounts early that morning.

A “manipulated media” advisory was eventually slapped on the video by Twitter.

Nevertheless, some netizens decided to use CNN and the fake Pornhub notification to get off some jokes and relieve themselves of election-related stress.

Even with the “manipulated media” label, some Twitterers seemed to take the clip at face value - and things got a bit weird.

We’re they looking at Hunter’s Russia collusion pics? ● [pic.twitter.com/dyYL4a5yLL](https://pic.twitter.com/dyYL4a5yLL)

— Midnight Rider  Trump is still your President! (@m1dn7ghtrider) [November 6, 2020](#)

While it was clear to many that the [Pornhub logo was edited in](#), the possibility of such an occurrence does not seem too far-fetched, considering CNN chief legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin was caught giving his New Yorker coworkers an [unintended peepshow](#) during a video conference call just last month.

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Photos: 1-Ton Great White Shark Pings Off Florida Coast

by [Evan Craighead](#)

A 15.5-foot great white shark weighing in at over 2,000 pounds “pinged” off the coast of Key Largo, Florida, Thursday morning before heading near the coast of Cuba.

Unama'ki, the 1-ton great white shark tracked by research group OCEARCH, [was reportedly hanging out](#) near Key Largo around 5:46 a.m. on Thursday, according to the group's records. The massive great white was [originally tagged by the nonprofit research group](#) off Scatarie Island, Nova Scotia, on September 20, 2019.

OCEARCH recently questioned whether Unama'ki could be pregnant, as she appeared to be “making similar journey that 2 other mature female [great white sharks], Luna & Lydia, also curiously made.”

[Earlier this year](#), the enormous shark made a historic trip while navigating the Gulf of Mexico. “Wow look where white shark Unama'ki is! She has moved west of the Mississippi River in the Gulf of Mexico,” the nonprofit [tweeted on February 24](#).

“It's the first time we've tracked a white shark to this area off the coast of Louisiana. Is this a whole new piece to the white shark puzzle?”

Unama'ki's tracker most recently traced the great white to the coast of Cuba.

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Neighbor Leaves UK Couple Over \$500,000 Worth of 'Star Wars' Collectibles  
by [Evan Craighead](#)

A couple in the central England town of Stourbridge has learned that a recently obtained, free collection of “Stars Wars” toys was actually worth approximately £400,000 - or \$525,000 - at auction.

Chris Aston of Aston's Auctioneers in Dudley, England, was called to Stourbridge by the son of an unnamed couple shortly after they came into possession of a collection of “Star Wars” dolls, figurines and spacecraft models left to them by a neighbor.

The collectibles reportedly span several decades.

“A lot of them were a bit damp because of how they've been stored but generally it's the best 'Star Wars' collection I've ever seen,” Aston told UK newspaper The Times.

Many of the action figures found within the couple's bins were still in their sealed packaging, as their neighbor was a collector.

Rather than starting their own collection, the Stourbridge couple looked to cash in on the donated items and hopefully obtain somewhere around their estimated worth of £400,000.

“We had a huge amount of interest from all over the world and were always expecting the sale to do very well,” Aston claimed.

Among the items posted for sale in the auction were a packaged Palitoy Jawa - one of 10 believed to exist - that fetched £27,280, and an eight-piece “Return of the Jedi” figurine set from the 1980s that was auctioned off for £1,400.

Also included was a Star Destroyer Commander - one of two believed to be in its original packaging - sold for £32,500.

According to Aston, the couple will be "thrilled" with their cut from the sale of their items.

However, they have not yet announced any concrete plans.

"I don't know if they have any specific plans, but it must feel like they've won the lottery," he said.