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Chilean's pick through debris after powerful quake eleven dead, Tongoy, Chile. Residents shifted through rubble on Thursday and saved what they could from homes destroyed by a magnitude eight point three earthquake in central Chile that killed eleven people, forced one million from their homes and sent giant waves crashing, crashing onto coastal shores, coastal, into coastal areas. Aftershocks shook the South American country following Wednesday's quake, the strongest in the world this year and the biggest to hit Chile since 2010, but some residents expressed relief that the destruction had not been greater. The northern port city of Comico, where waves up to four point five metres slammed into the shore, was declared an emergency area by the Government. The more gives the Government a wide range of special powers. It is aimed at speeding aid to the city and allowed soldiers to patrol the streets to ensure its security and prevent looting. Large fishing boats had washed up onto the streets. Lost it all, it was horrible, I don't know how I got out of there, it was dark, I jumped into some stranger's pickup truck. The homes of six hundred and ten people were damaged, so damaged they were unable to return by late Thursday afternoon, according to government data. Some ne hundred and seventy nine homes were destroyed, eighty seven thousand and six hundred remained without electricity and nine thousand without clean water. The government had ordered evacuations from coastal areas after the earthquake hit, seeking to avoid a repeat of a quake disaster in 2010, when authorities were slow to warn of a tsunami and hundreds were killed. We want to thank people for their cooperation. The latest quake, quake also knocked out power and said blah, blah, blah, Chile is the world's top copper producer, mm, and operations were suspended at two big copper mines as a precaution, sending prices on the London metal exchange, CMCU3, to two month highs in early Asian trading on p-, on concern over disruption to supplies. Prices later dipped as concerns about long term disruption subsided. State copper miner Codelco said on Thursday morning it had restarted operations at its open-pit Andina mine and its Ventanas smelter.

London listed Anfogasta, Anto, Antofagasta said it was inspecting installations at its flag-ship Los Pelambres cop-, copper mine and expected to gradually resume operations during the afternoon. Los Pelambres is the closed, is the closest major mine to the quake epicentre. Chile state oil company EN-, ENAP also reported that its two oil refineries were operating normally after earlier disruptions that fuel stocks were safe. Clearing rubble, a great video, one port used for exporting copper and other natural resources, this is now operating. Quake-prone Chile's strict building regulations newer buildings able to withstand even strong quakes. Many homes in Illapel and surrounding areas, are simple adobe homes that are more prone to damage. A makeshift altar was erected in Illapel were a twenty-year-old woman was killed by a wall that collapsed when the quake hit. Chile is due to celebrate its national holiday on Friday, but some roads between Santiago and the north remained cut off. And I'm just going to stop reading there because I probably won't, oh no, that's interesting. Chile runs along a highly seismic and volcanic zone where tel-, tectonic plates meet and often experience earthquakes. In 2014, an eight point two quake struck in the northern city of-

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In 2010, an eight point eight magnitude earthquake in central southern Chile triggered a massive tsunami and more than five hundred people were killed.

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President-

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Misjudged the extent of damage and declined offers of international aid, delaying the flow of assistance to disaster areas. Bachelet's government was also slow to prevent looking after the quake. Its failings hit her approval ratings at the end of her presidential term, although she remained popular and was elected again in 2013. And that's it.

So you get a feed, you subscribe to a feed?

Yeah, I'll show you, hang on. Why can't I get that page back or do I have to?

So it comes through your email?

Yeah, so that, that's the first one on that, and the next one is why Isis fight?

And do you do this throughout the day, or is like one reading?

So I just do, like if I get the time -

Yeah.

- to read something, it will be I'll open this -

Yeah.

- and I'll probably just scroll through and I usually just read the, like I'd read that.

Yeah.

And then I might read the next one. If there's one that I am particularly interested in then I'll open it up and I'll read the whole thing. But usually I just read the headlines.

Right.

So do you want to do that?

Yeah.

Mm'hm. Why Isis Fight? Abu Ahmed remains disaffected with the group, which he believes has strayed well beyond its original remit of fighting the US Army, fighting the US Army and defending Sunnis against their marginalisation in post-Saddam Iraq. But even with his reluctance he still believes that he too is helping to restore lost glories of both ancient Islamic civilisation and a more recent era of Sunni power. By fighting against Iran and the Assad regime, this is just a reality he said. The Americans are working with Iran against the Sunnis, this is not a conspiracy theory. I don't know who Abu Ahmed is, so it doesn't really-

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The space race for lunar funerals. When US Army Infantry Soldier Steven Jenks was deployed in Iraq, he used to get letters from his mother signed like this, no matter how lonely you feel and how far away you are, always look to the moon and know I am with you. I love you to the moon and back. So when his mother died of lung cancer, Jenks thought it befitting to send her remains to the moon. I will know that she is looking down on my family and maybe they won't feel so alone he said. Jenks is the first client of Elysium Space, a company that offers celestial services to honour and celebrate the life of someone you love.

In which country?

That would be America I imagine.

[LAUGHTER]

How an 18th Century Philosopher Helped Solve My Mid-life Crisis? I love shit like this. My doctor's prescribed Prozac, yoga and meditation; I hated Prozac, I was terrible at yoga, but meditation seemed to help, and it was interesting at least. In fact, researching meditation seemed to help as much as actually doing it. Where did it come from? Why did it work? I had always been curious about Buddhism, although, as a committed atheist I was suspicious of anything religious, and turning fifty and becoming bisexual and Buddhist did seem far too predictable.

[LAUGHTER]

A sort of Berkley-Bat Mitzvah, a standard rite of passage for aging Jewish academic woman in northern California but still I began to read Buddhist philosophy. So I'd probably now go down here. New panoramic photos show off Pluto's grand icy mountains and atmosphere. Not going to do that. So I might just click in, mm- so that's probably something would, might read, go back to later, and then what I do, because I don't actually do this every day, I do it every, um, few days, or just whenever I find the time, and I'll go back onto all of them, just start reading them.

Mm.

Massive eight point three magnitude earthquake strikes off the coast of Chile. I've already read something similar.

Is there a way of highlighting them, or marking them for later, or no, just have a mental?

Um, yeah, I suppose I could op-, I would make, yeah, I usually, um, do it on my computer and I open them, open a tab.

Right.

And they sit open in my thing until I read them, yeah. Blythe Masters tells Banks the Blockchain changes everything. Wall Street veterans all know who Blythe Masters is; she's the wunderkind who made managing director at JP Morgan Chase at the age of twenty eight, a financial engineer who helped develop the credit default swap and bring to life a market that peaked at fifty eight trillion, in national terms, in 2007. She's the banker later vilified by pundits unfairly some say, after those instruments compounded the damage wrought by the sub-prime mortgage crash in 2008. Now, one year after quitting JP Morgan amid another controversy, Blythe Masters is back. She isn't pitching a newly minted derivative, or trading stratagem to this room, she's promoting something wilder. It's called the blockchain, and it's a digital ledger software code that powers bitcoin. So that's interesting, I would open that up. But then I would just, um, the curiosity of what else is underneath it I would have to read. The mother of all questions. Even to say that there's one proper way for a woman to live maybe putting the case too optimistically, given that mothers are consistently found wanting too. A mother may be treated like a criminal for leaving a child alone, alone for five minutes, even a child whose father has left it alone for several years. Some mothers have told me that having children caused them to be treated as a bovine, as bovine non-intellects who should be disregarded. Other women have been told that they cannot be taken seriously professionally because they will go off and reproduce at some point.

[LAUGHTER]

And many mothers who do succeed professionally are presumed to be neglecting someone. There is no good answer for being a woman, the art may lie instead of how we refuse the question. That's also interesting, I would probably open that. How indigenous Australian storytelling accurately records sea level rises.

Oh, wow

Wow. Seven thousand years ago. Indigenous stories of dramatic sea level rises across Australia date back to more than seven thousand years in a cont-, in a

continuous oral tradition without parallel anywhere in the world, according to new research. Sunshine Coast University Marine Geographer, Patrick Nunn, and University of New England linguist, Nicholas Reid, believe that twenty one indigenous stories from across the continent, faithfully record events between eighteen hundred and seven thousand years ago when the sea rose one hundred and twenty metres. Reid said a key feature of indigenous storytelling, a distinctive cross-generational cross-checking process might explain the remarkable consistency in accounts past down by pre-literate people, which researchers previously believed could not persist for more than eight hundred years.

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-cross-generational cross-checking process.

Sounds complicated, oral history of original story telling.

Yes, especially when they all spoke wildly different languages, eh? There must be something, yeah.

Doesn't surprise me.

Popes versus the wind. Papal attire usually includes skullcap.

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Must be a photo series on popes being blown about in the wind, which is quite funny.

[LAUGHTER]

All right, I'll just have a look at one more.

Oh, so it's like a whole, it looks like emails?

Yes, I get them on the email. So it's a shortlist and it arrives on email every day.

Oh, wow.

Mm. Australian fighter jet, jets bomb Isis tank in East Syria airstrike.

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To that. Black family in the age of mass incarceration. The blacks in-, incarcerated in the USA are not like the majority of Americans, they do not really hail from poor communities, they hail from communities that have been imperilled across both the deep and intimate, immediate past, and continue to be imperilled today. Peril is generational for black people in America, and incarceration is a current mechanism for ensuring that the peril continues. Incarceration just push-, pushes you out of the job market, incarceration dis-, disqualifies you from feeding your family with food stamps. Incarceration allows for housing discrimination based on criminal background check, incarceration increases your risk of homelessness, incarceration increases your chances of being incarcerated again. A dead french philosopher explains the Donald Trump phenomenon.

[LAUGHTER]

Donald Trump is behaving like a professional, like a professional wrestler while Trump's opponents are conducting the race like a boxing match. As the rest of the field measures up their next jab, Trump decks them over the head with a metal chair. Others in the Republican field are concerned with the rules and constructing a strategy that, under those rules, will lead to the nomination. But Trump isn't concerned instead Trump is focused on [UNINTELLIGIBLE] moment and eliciting the maximum amount of passion in that moment, his hordes love it. The key to generating passion, as [UNINTELLIGIBLE] notes, is to position yourself to deliver justice against evil forces by whatever means necessary. Wrestlers know very well how to play up to the capacity for indignation of the public by presenting the very limit of the concept of justice. Also, can Donald Trump be stopped? The most crucial item that migrants and refugee's carry is a smart phone. Massive crowds of refugees and migrants from Syria and elsewhere who have flooded Europe this year and continue to arrive en masse, rely heavily on the smartphone, smartphone apps, such as WhatsApp, Viber and Facebook Messenger, along with other tools like Google Maps, as they risk perilous sea crossings, skirt unfriendly border crossings and try to keep in touch with their loved ones. Our phones and power banks are more important for our journey than anything, even more important than food, a Syrian named Wael told Agent France Peaces on the Greek Island of Kos. Clothes and foods, food can be purchased relatively cheaply, and even cash can be electronically transferred, but a smartphone is crucial. Smugglers who take the refugees across the Mediterranean dis-, drastically limit what people can take on board, but phones are too precious to give up they say. Finally, Avant-garde Soviet bus shelters. Herwig's ambitious bus stop series spanned thirteen former soviet states, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, not going to read all those, and distributed region. Oh, and along the route he encountered bus stops that although created under the same all compassing system, all encompassing system of government, varied wildly in their style and aesthetic.

So I was like forwarded that link like two years ago

Oh, really?

And I was re-forwarded it like a week ago.

Oh, right.

And it's the same exact article, it's really interesting.

Huh, there you go.

Cool photos.

Yeah, and then I might, if I have time go back and read the ones that I had opened up in the tabs.

Right.

Mm, um.

Great, thank you. That's a real, a really great reading.

Oh, good.