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## Will future bring us Category 6 hurricane?

Experts: Wind speeds of 230 mph possible

David Flesher  
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FORT LAUDERDALE — As a ferocious hurricane bears down on South Florida, water managers desperately lower canals in anticipation of 4 feet of rain.

Everyone east of Dixie Highway is ordered evacuated, for fear of a menacing storm surge. Forecasters debate whether the storm will generate the 200 mph winds to achieve Category 6 status.

That is one scenario for hurricanes in a warmer world, a subject of fiendish complexity and considerable scientific research.

Some changes — such as the slowing of hurricanes' forward motion and the worsening of storm surges from rising sea levels — are happening now. Other effects, such as their increase in strength, may have already begun but are difficult to detect, considering all of the other climate forces at work.

But more certainty has developed over the past few years. Among the conclusions: Hurricanes will be wetter. They are likely to move slower, lingering over whatever area they hit. And although there is debate over whether there will be more or fewer of them, most researchers think hurricanes will be stronger.

"There's almost unanimous agreement that hurricanes will produce more rain in a warmer climate," said Adam Sobel, professor of applied physics at Columbia University and director of its Initiative on Extreme Weather and Climate. "There's agreement there

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### SURVIVAL STORY

## Young eagle inspires teacher to write book



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The Southwest Florida Eagle Cam is the equivalent of "The Truman Show" for bald eagles, but this time the star is being featured in a children's book instead of the big screen.

Traci Bratcher teaches first grade at Pelican Marsh Elementary School in North Naples and decided to publish a book about E8, the baby eagle from North Fort Myers whose survival story captivated the nation.

E8 is the offspring of the Eagle Cam's famous couple, Harriet and M-15, but the eaglet's journey was far from easy.

First, E8 got entangled in a fishing line and had to be nursed back to health. Then it got knocked out of its nest by an owl attack in May 2016 and broke its leg.

Both times, E8 was taken in by the Center for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife on Sanibel Island, which released the healed eagle back into the wild.

"He's really a survivor," Bratcher said. "It's such a touching story,

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Traci Bratcher holds her new children's book, "The Great E8," in her classroom at Pelican Marsh Elementary School in North Naples on Wednesday. The first-grade teacher decided to write a book about E8, the Southwest Florida baby eagle whose survival story captivated the nation, after repeated requests from her students to tell the story.

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## Man who shot officer 'erratic, frantic,' witness says



Officer Adam Jobbers-Miller

Michael Braun and Melissa Montoya  
Fort Myers News-Press  
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When a man described as "erratic," "squirrely" and "frantic" barreled into the Marathon service station on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers on Saturday night holding a handgun, Thomas Chilzer had no idea what was happening. Chilzer said he was one of several witnesses police interviewed after Officer Adam Jobbers-

Miller was shot.

The Fort Myers Police Department identified Jobbers-Miller on Sunday as the officer shot and rushed into emergency surgery at the Lee Memorial Hospital Trauma Center suffering from a wound to his head. He is listed in critical but stable condition.

Police said a suspect is in custody. No details were provided about the suspect's condition or

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### Molinari surges to victory

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