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Hi y'all,

We had over 7 inches of rain last Friday, but since then the weather has not been too bad. Today we had sun and about 62 degrees. We've visited 3 parks in the last few days, all of which we visited last year, too. Florida seems to take very good care of public parks. I don't think they have budget problems. We saw birds and manatees up close at Homasassa Springs and dolphins in the wild at Fort DeSoto park.

We are living in a motel room, like Earl and his brother Randy of "My Name is Earl". Their room may be a little classier. It is an old motel which was purchased by a couple from Sweden. They are fixing it up, combining small rooms into larger rooms. We are in one of the as yet un-converted small rooms. It has a microwave and refrigerator, but no stove, no kitchen sink. And a very small bathroom. It does have cable TV, of course, which is most important. If we had the full range of cable stations at home, we wouldn't have to go on vacation.

We plan on arriving home on Saturday the 18th.