

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

3 US Army special operations commandos killed in Niger

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say three U.S. Army special operations commandos were killed Wednesday and two others were wounded when they came under fire in southwest Niger.

The officials said the two wounded were taken to Niamey, the capital, and are in stable condition. The officials were not authorized to discuss the incident publicly, so they spoke on condition of anonymity.

The officials said the commandos, who were Green Berets, were likely attacked by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb militants.

In a statement, U.S. Africa Command said the forces were with a joint U.S. and Nigerien patrol north of Niamey, near the Mali border, when they came under hostile fire.

Africa Command said the U.S. forces are in Niger to provide training and security assistance to the Nigerien Armed Forces in their efforts against violent extremists.

House GOP eyes budget passage that is key to tax debate

WASHINGTON — Republicans are focused on cutting taxes instead of deficits as they look to power a \$4.1 billion budget plan through the House today.

The 2018 House GOP budget promises deep cuts to social programs and Cabinet agency budgets, but its chief purpose is to set the stage for action later this year on a comprehensive Republican overhaul of the U.S. tax code. The tax overhaul is the party's top political priority as well as a longtime policy dream of key leaders like Speaker Paul Ryan.

The plan calls for more than \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the coming decade, including a plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees, slash Medicaid by about \$1 trillion over the coming decade, and repeal the "Obamacare" health law.

But Republicans are not actually planning to impose any of those cuts with follow-up legislation that would be required under Washington's byzantine budget rules. Instead, those GOP proposals for spending cuts are limited to nonbinding promises, and even a token 10-year, \$200 billion spending cut package demanded by tea party House Republicans appears likely to be scrapped in upcoming talks with the Senate.

Instead, the motivating force behind the budget measures is the Republicans' party-defining drive to cut corporate and individual tax rates and rid the tax code of loopholes. They promise this tax "reform" measure will put the economy in overdrive, driving economic growth to the 3 percent range, and adding a surge of new tax revenues that would help bring the budget toward balance.

Did Las Vegas gunman target other music festivals?

LAS VEGAS — In the days and months before he mowed down concertgoers from his high-rise hotel suite, gunman Stephen Paddock rented rooms overlooking two other music festivals in Las Vegas and Chicago, authorities said.

They gave no details on what his intentions might have been.

The disclosures came as investigators struggled for a fourth day to explain what led the 64-year-old high-stakes gambler to open fire Sunday night on an open-air country music festival from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino. He killed 58 people and injured more than 500 before taking his own life.

In August, Paddock booked a room at Chicago's Blackstone Hotel that overlooked the park where the Lollapalooza music festival was held that weekend, a law enforcement official said today. The official said no evidence has been found that Paddock ever came to Chicago that weekend. Lollapalooza draws hundreds of thousands of music fans every year to Grant Park.

Also, the weekend before the Las Vegas bloodbath, Paddock had rented a high-rise condo in a Las Vegas building that overlooked the Life is Beautiful alternative music festival, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said. He offered no other details about what led Paddock there. The music festival featured Chance the Rapper, Muse, Lorde and Blink-182.

Shoppers: Lack of parking a persistent issue

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Shoppers and spending

The analysis looked at the number, income and spending habits of downtown workers, residents and students; regional residents of northern Clatsop County and southern Pacific County in Washington state; and visitors.

Two-thirds of downtown's market was regional residents, and nearly half was Astorians.

"Downtown residents and workers make up the largest market segment with 49 (percent) of all estimated spending," the analysis said, estimating about 1,300 employees downtown. "Visitors are the second largest consumer segment by spending and are estimated to spend the most per customer of any segment."

The estimated total direct visitor spending in Clatsop County topped \$550 million last year, with approximately half spent on restaurants, one-fifth each on retail and lodging and 12 percent on attractions.

What's needed

The analysis included a survey of 327 people last year, looking at spending in and perceptions of downtown. Respondents pointed to a lack of access to parking, later shopping hours, diversity of cuisine among downtown Astoria's restaurants and midtier grocery options.

"Deals Only and Astoria Co-op Grocery represent the

majority of this retail category, but each specializes in low- or high-range pricing, leaving the middle section underserved," the analysis said.

The analysis identified several large anchor stores downtown, including Fort George Brewery, Astoria Co-op Grocery, Astoria Coffeehouse and Bistro, marijuana retailer Sweet Relief Astoria, Gimre's Shoes and Deals Only. Although downtown contains stores in most retail categories, it lacks large clusters covering the majority of consumer needs.

Astoria is best positioned to grow its retail services base in dining, regional goods and entertainment.

"Our tourism numbers are very strong for the size of the community," Fayyaz said. "There are a lot of businesses

that tailor to locals, and others to tourists. There's a lot of potential for overlap."

Grow from within

During a recent presentation by the downtown association, David Reid, a local insurance agent and chairman of the group's business development committee, said the association wants to first use the report to help enhance existing downtown businesses, while also recruiting where gaps exist. One clear result was the need to focus on locals as the core demographic, while earning extra revenue from tourism, Reid said.

Lack of parking, a persistent issue brought up when talking about downtown, is often a matter of perception. Sarah Lu Heath, the downtown association's executive director, said

that the association is identifying underutilized private parking lots that could lease out reserved spots, while working with the city to improve signage directing people to available parking.

The association is looking to better connect people who come to town for large events with downtown and expanding visitation in shoulder seasons, Heath said.

"Do not be scared by Walmart and the big box stores," said Kevin Leahy, executive director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources. "Don't be scared by them. This is an opportunity for our region, in the fact that it brings more people into our community. You have to offer the products and services and give the customer service to earn that customer's dollar."

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Gearhart: 'It's about property rights and future property rights'

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off-street parking, appearance, garbage service, septic inspections and cesspool prohibitions. The new measure, up for a vote in November, would require home inspections and make owners responsible for self-reporting issues using a licensed home inspector.

There are flaws in that approach, according to Brown. A licensed home inspector is not legally able to inspect for fire and safety issues, the mayor said, and cannot report on compliance with codes, ordinances or restrictions.

"The only person that has the legal authority in the state to inspect for fire and life safety is our city building inspector," Brown said.

Other aspects of the ordinance were debated during public comment periods prior to and following the City Council meeting.

Resident Shannon Smith objected to limits on short-term rental permit transfers.

"It's about property rights and future property rights," Smith said. "What community would knowingly give up a future property right?"

She researched 25 to 30 Oregon cities to determine if any other city similarly prohibits transfers, she said.

"No one could cite one," Smith said.

Laurie Whittemore, a supporter of the ballot measure and a short-term rental permit-holder, said she rents her home out 90 to 95 times a year. She called herself "one

of the lucky ones."

"I am saddened that other homeowners have been denied the right to even apply to rent their home should they want to in the future," Whittemore said. "It's a closed door. It's a locked chest."

Jeanne Mark spoke against the measure. "People are happy with the (current) ordinance in place. It's working well. If they had wanted to live in a short-term rental community, they would have chosen Seaside or Cannon Beach. They chose Gearhart for a reason: because we are respectful of our comprehensive plan and our R-1 zone."

South Marion Avenue resident Stu Farnsworth said he and his wife moved here a month ago from Salem. "It's been an absolute dream," he said. "I love watching the sunsets, the stormy weather and I love the people. This is what I imagine heaven to be."

Farnsworth urged a "no" vote on the measure. "I'm very confident in what I've heard," he said.

Brown said that if residents have ideas how to make the current ordinance better — regardless of the result of the Nov. 7 vote — "We want to hear from you. If you've got a specific circumstance you don't like, let's talk about it."



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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's A. "Go Big or Go Home" (N)	Scandal "Watch Me" (SP) (N)	Away With Murder "I'm Not Her" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel					
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's A. "Go Big or Go Home" (N)	Scandal "Watch Me" (SP) (N)	Away With Murder "I'm Not Her" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel					
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Great News (N)	Chicago Fire "Ignite on Contact" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight (N)				
6	KOIN	(6) (5:25) NFL Football New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (L)		(15) KOIN Local 6 "Special Edition"		(15) KIRO 7 Game Day (L)		KIRO 7 News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert			
7	KIRO	(7) (5:25) NFL Football New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (L)		(15) KIRO 7 Game Day (L)		Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Great News (N)	Chicago Fire "Ignite on Contact" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Great News (N)	Chicago Fire "Ignite on Contact" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half		
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	iHeartRadio The legendary concert event from Las Vegas. Pt. 2 of 2 (N)		Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer "Dance With the Dead"	(35) Masterpiece "Sherlock, Series III: The Sign of Three"			
10	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Gotham (N)	The Orville "Pria" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV					
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game					
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham (N)	The Orville "Pria" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons					
19	KCPQ	(19) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham (N)	The Orville "Pria" (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)					
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory					
28	KZJQ	(28) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory					
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football Louisville at North Carolina State (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) 30 for 30	Sports Shorts	30 for 30 "No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson"		Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 "Jordan Rides the Bus"	SportsCenter					
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	To Be Announced		Nashville							
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Liv and Maddie					
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) Daniel Radcliffe.		*** Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.		*** Unstoppable (2011, Action) Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Denzel Washington.		*** Focus (2015, Comedy/Drama) Margot Robbie, Rodrigo Santoro, Will Smith.							
35	FMC	(35) (4:30) X-Men: First Class James McAvoy, (15) *** X-Men: First Class (2011, Action) Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, James McAvoy.		*** Runner Runner (13, Action) Ben Affleck, Justin Timberlake. (50) FXM Presents											
36	LIFE	(36) Am. Beauty Star "Red Carpet Mayhem"	Project Runway "Models Off Duty"	Project Runway	(50) P.Runway (N)	Project Runway "Client on the Go" (N)		(35) A.BeautyStar	"A Quick Tip Tutorial"	PRUNway					
38	ROOT	(38) Champions Tennis QOQ Challenge		Fantasy Football Hour (N)		Press Pass (N)	Press Pass	Poker Heartland Tour	Poker Night (N)	AMA Supercross					
39	F51	(39) (4:30) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Peyton Manning	TMZ Sports (N)						
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:00) *** Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.		To Be Announced		*** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.		Mr. and Mrs. Smith (05, Act) Brad Pitt.							
44	COM	(44) (1:15) Tosh.0	(5:0) Tosh.0 "Spoken Word Fail"	(2:25) Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0							
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Fury (2014, War) Logan Lerman, Shia LaBeouf, Brad Pitt.		The First 48 "A Man's Game"		The First 48							
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Broad Daylight"		The First 48 "Chopper"		My 600-lb Life "Henny's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" 1/2							
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress		My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" 2/2		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" 2/2							
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Survive"		Naked and Afraid "Donald's Story"		Naked and Afraid "King of the Forest"		Naked and Afraid "Lord of the Rats"							
49	NGEO	(49) Port Protection "Family Matters"		Port Protection "Ocean's Bounty"		Port Protection "Knock on Wood"		Port Protection "Backwoods Fix"							
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Twist in the Twister"		Bones "The Crack in the Code"		*** Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002, Sci-Fi) Natalie Portman.		Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor.							
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** Moneyball (2011, Biography) Robin Wright, Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt.		*** Unstoppable (2011, Action) Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Denzel Washington.		*** Focus (2015, Comedy/Drama) Margot Robbie, Rodrigo Santoro, Will Smith.									
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family					
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Trick or Treat, Chicken Feet!"		Chopped "Extreme Halloween"		Chopped "A Chopped Halloween"							
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFlop ATL (N)	FlipFlop Atlanta						
55	FX	(55) (4:30) Spy (15) Melissa McCarthy.		*** Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002, Sci-Fi) Natalie Portman.		Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor.		*** Focus (2015, Comedy/Drama) Margot Robbie, Rodrigo Santoro, Will Smith.							
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360							
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity							
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich					
63	BRAV	(63) Flipping Out "Baby Brain"		Flipping Out "Baby's First Move"		Flipping Out "Oh My, Versailles"		Flipping Out "The Gema Dilemma" (N)							
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Adventures of Huckleberry Finn		*** Kim (1950, War) Dean Stockwell.		*** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.		(15) *** Stand by Me (86, Adv) Corey Feldman, River Phoenix, Wil Wheaton.							
65	SYFY	(65) Movie		*** Blade Runner (1982, Sci-Fi) Rutger Hauer, Sean Young, Harrison Ford.		Van Helsing "Began Again" (SP) (N)		Ghost Wars "Death's Door" (P) (N)							
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			