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2 students shot inside LA school, student suspect arrested

LOS ANGELES — Two students were shot inside a Los Angeles middle school classroom this morning and police arrested a female student suspect, authorities said.

Gunfire erupted shortly before 9 a.m. at Salvador B. Castro Middle School just west of the city's downtown, police said.

The conditions of the victims were not immediately known, said Sgt. Edward Bernal of the Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department.

TV footage showed a girl with dark hair and wearing a sweatshirt being led out of the school in handcuffs.

Bernal says a gun was recovered. "With the suspect in custody the situation is under control," Bernal told KTLA-TV.

Man who drove van into Muslims in London convicted of murder

LONDON — A man who steeped himself in far-right, anti-Muslim ideas before driving a van into a crowd of worshippers near a north London mosque was convicted today of murder and attempted murder.

A jury at London's Woolwich Crown Court deliberated for just an hour before finding 48-year-old Darren Osborne guilty of the June 2017 attack in the city's Finsbury Park neighborhood.

A 51-year-old man, Makram Ali, was killed and 15 people were injured when a rented van plowed into worshippers gathering after evening prayers during Ramadan.

Prosecutors said Osborne was motivated by extreme Islamophobia and saw Muslims as extremists or rapists in pedophile gangs.

Top career diplomat to step down in blow to State Department

WASHINGTON — The top career U.S. diplomat announced today he will step down, dealing a blow to the State Department as the Trump administration confronts numerous international challenges.

The State Department's third-ranking official, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Tom Shannon, informed agency staffers that he will retire as soon as a successor for his Senate-confirmed post is chosen and ready to assume the job.

Shannon is a near 35-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service and was the most senior department official to remain in his job after the transition from the Obama to the Trump administrations. He served under six presidents of both political parties since 1984 and was widely seen as a

symbol of diplomatic continuity and professionalism during the tumultuous transition last year.

In an interview, Shannon, who holds the rank of "career ambassador" — the highest in the foreign service — said he was retiring for personal and not political reasons.

US says Syria may be making new types of chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration says Syrian President Bashar Assad's government may be developing new, more sophisticated chemical weapons.

U.S. officials say the characteristics of recent alleged attacks suggest Syria is producing chemical weapons despite a 2013 deal to destroy its program. The officials say it's "highly likely" that Syria kept a stockpile of weapons.

The officials also say Syria may be making new kinds of weapons, either to improve their military capability or to escape international accountability.

The officials also say the Islamic State group keeps using chemical weapons such as sulfur mustard and chlorine. The officials say the militants are using shells or improvised explosive devices to deliver the chemicals.

The officials weren't authorized to discuss the assessment on the record and briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Closings: Downtown association is aware of closures

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Abeco Office Systems and Columbia Chocolates, owned by Royal Latham, has been selling off its inventory since the beginning of the year as he and wife, Teri, prepare to retire and transfer the copy sales and service business to their son, Patrick. Latham bought Abeco in 1993 from the Stramiellos, who he said had operated the Astoria Business Supply Co. since the late 1940s inside 1132 Commercial St., now the site of future a minimal under construction and called Astor Court. Latham relocated the business to 1254 Commercial St., a former sporting goods store.

Neither the office retail, nor a chocolate business later acquired to accentuate greeting cards, were ever a main part of the business, Latham said. Abeco services about 1,500 copiers in the Portland metro area, east to Pendleton and south to Newport, he said.

With competition from the internet and larger retailers, Latham sees an inexorable march toward a more tourist- and service-oriented economy downtown.

"I think that's what the city has to be geared for," he said. "I don't know how else to do it. I think they're going to be challenged with trying to define themselves."

Lynn Buckmaster opened Adagio at 1174 Commercial St. in 2001 after operating a simi-

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lar store in Cannon Beach called COLLIDE since the 1990s. After 30 years of running businesses, Buckmaster said, she is ready to transition into advocacy on behalf of the world's oceans.

"My goal is to raise awareness enough so people will change their behaviors," she said, adding that while the task is monumental, "I'm sure to fail if I don't try."

Buckmaster prided Adagio on carrying only products made through fair and sustainable practices and hopes Astoria can develop into a beacon for sustainable business, with more light manufacturing and locally focused businesses like makerspace Astoria Maker Industries.

"I think the hospitality services, retail, hotels, restaurants, that type of thing ... they're not a living wage for their employees, not truly," she said. "They're a dead end, basically. We need more green jobs, and I think more creative enterprises

— not just stuff"

Sue Allen Clarke opened In the Boudoir, a home decor store, five years ago in the Allen Building on the corner of 10th and Commercial streets. A few years ago they were joined by clothing boutique The Fox & Fawn, started by Alicia Phifer and later taken over by Ayla DeCoraggio. Both stores are closing next month.

"I'm putting a lot of stuff online, freeing up time for personal stuff," Clarke said.

Both Clarke and DeCoraggio said it was a challenge getting enough foot traffic farther from the cluster of shops near the Liberty Theatre.

Fox & Fawn probably filled a niche left by the closure of J.C. Penney, DeCoraggio said, but "there seems to be a trend where people are doing less actual buying overall of consumables in general."

Lee's Attic, an antique store at 1312 Commercial St., also

has closing signs posted. The owner could not immediately be reached for comment.

The downtown association is aware of the recent closures.

"However, we're excited to have seen several new shops come into downtown and find success like Good to Go and Naked Lemon," Sarah Lu Heath, the association's executive director, said of the new sandwich shop and bakery on Commercial Street, along with Nourish Juice Bar in the Astor Hotel Building.

Heath also pointed to the restoration of two long-blighted Flavel family Commercial Street properties by new owners, with new businesses coming in, as a sign that downtown is still on a healthy track.

"Overall, (the downtown association) still believes that downtown Astoria is a great place to do business and we're looking forward to welcoming new outfits to our district," she said.

The downtown association recently issued a business cluster analysis calling for more local-oriented businesses, including a general clothing store and midbudget grocery outlet.

"Later on this year we will be looking at some business recruiting," Heath said, adding they will also look at how to expand the offerings of existing businesses, such as groceries at the Astoria Downtown Market convenience store.

Audit: Found persistent shortage of foster homes

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"substandard facilities" and using "improper ... force against foster children." On top of potential harm to children, the audit calculated \$39 million in state legal settlements since 2006 over the state's poor protection of neglected and abused kids.

According to the audit, the problems start at the top. It found management at the Office of Child Welfare to be "disorganized, inconsistent" and a "high risk for children." The audit pointed out the office's tendency to constantly restructure and rebrand, rather than make substantive changes needed to improve services.

The audit dug into four initiatives that never delivered promised improvements:

- The 2006 "Oregon Safety Model" was supposed to instill "a best-practice method of managing child safety throughout the life of a case," according to the audit. But staff didn't receive consistent training and management resisted. "Some openly refused the change," the audit said. "The resistance was tolerated (by upper management)."

- An initiative called "Differential Response" was meant to enable caseworkers to allow more children to stay with their biological parents. But "management turnover" and the agency's decentralized implementation across 13 different communities "stalled" the effort, the audit said. Even its abandonment was botched: Auditors found when that was announced, central office staff responsible for the rollout were "caught by surprise."

- A years-in-the-making change to the OR-Kids computer system was supposed to improve data collection of complaints and other data critical to managing child welfare cases. Many staff said using OR-Kids took more time and was no more reliable than the previous data system. Auditors heard from staff who "report lost data, inconsistent and inaccurate search results, and inaccurate information displayed." OR-Kids was problematic across the state, but around Portland, problems were so acute that the district office contracted with the Multnomah Education Service District for a separate database. Implementation of the MESD system proved little better, even after spending \$20 million on it. Elsewhere in the state, auditors said rather than use the software, caseworkers posted sticky notes to their cubicle walls

to track appointments with families.

- The audit also looked at an unofficial effort to complete more child abuse investigations in 2016, which the audit agreed did produce "big improvements," as reported to the Legislature. But auditors concluded the improvements were short-lived, about three months, and were based on questionable management decisions, such as shifting caseworkers away from other work to focus on investigations and attempting to motivate employees by threatening to deny them scheduled vacations.

The audit also questioned the agency's lack of a central screening center for reports of child abuse and neglect — an initiative the audit said could help coordinate efforts statewide. The audit counted 15 different hotlines throughout Oregon, serving 16 district offices throughout the state. Centralizing the complaints is a recommendation dating back to previous reviews of Child Welfare — as far back as 2006. But the audit found it's only now being seriously considered.

But managing attempts at improvement were far from the only problems the audit uncovered.

In terms of day-to-day operations at the Office of Child Welfare, the audit found a persistent shortage of foster homes due to lack of support and failure to recruit new foster parents.

The audit stated starkly that the state has no plan to recruit new foster families and no data on how many foster parents are needed. And once people become foster parents, the audit found that rather than support, the parents are frequently asked to take on work that should fall to caseworkers and may be called upon to accept "emergency" foster children who suddenly need homes.

"DHS does not know the true capacity in current foster homes, what homes have openings, and what behavioral and special needs the family is trained and equipped to accept," the audit said.

The audit found reimbursements for foster families are falling short.

At the same time, the audit noted forces putting stress on the broader system of support for the state's most vulnerable children: shrinking capacity at both Department of Human Services in its residential treatment program and in the Oregon Health Authority's Children's Mental Health Services program.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										FEBRUARY 1	
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. "Don't Fear the Reaper" (N)	Scandal "The People v. Olivia Pope" (N)	With Murder "He's a Bad Father" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's A. "Don't Fear the Reaper" (N)	Scandal "The People v. Olivia Pope" (N)	With Murder "He's a Bad Father" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (SF) (N)	Will & Grace (N)	A.P. Bio (P) (N)	Chicago Fire "Law of the Jungle" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6 KOIN	7	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Contamination" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Contamination" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8 KGW	3	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (SF) (N)	Will & Grace (N)	A.P. Bio (P) (N)	Chicago Fire "Law of the Jungle" (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Super. "Various and Sundry Villains" (N)	Arrow "All for Nothing" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10 KOPB	10	Curious Traveler	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M. (N)	(35) Midsomer	The Dogleg Murders" (N)	(35) Masterpiece	Sherlock: The Hounds of Baskerville"	
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Four "Week Five" A new set of challengers face off against The Four. (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game 2/2	The Game		
13 KPDX	13	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan (N)		
14 KCPQ	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four "Week Five" A new set of challengers face off against The Four. (N)	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan (N)	
20 TBS	20	Family Guy	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan (N)	
28 KZJQ	22	Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
29 ESPN2	29	30 for 30 "The Two Bills" (N)		30 for 30 "The Two Bills"		30 for 30 "The Two Bills"		Nación ESPN	Boxing Classics 2017 Top Rank	Jalen & Jacoby	Super Bowl		
31 NICK	31	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	To Be Announced				Nashville			
32 DISN	32	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	K.C. Underc. (N)	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Jessie Pt. 1 of 2	K.C. Undercover	Stuck in Middle
34 FAM	34	★★ Big Daddy (1999, Comedy) Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart, Adam Sandler.		Beyond "Knock, Knock" (N)		★★ Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Winona Ryder, Peter Gallagher, Adam Sandler.		Win Win (2011, Comedy/Drama) Amy Ryan, Jeffrey Tambor, Paul Giamatti.		Model "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow" (N) To Be Announced			
35 FMC	35	(5:00) Footloose (11) Kenny Wormald.	(20) ★★ Footloose (2011, Comedy/Drama) Julianne Hough, Dennis Quaid, Kenny Wormald.	(35) FXM Presents									
36 LIFE	36	Grey's Anatomy "All by Myself"	Project Runway	(55) Sammy (N)	PR Stars Social (N) (50) Rewind (N)	Project Runway: All Stars (N)							
38 ROOT	38	NCAA Basketball San Diego at Gonzaga (L)		Fox College Hoops	NCAA Basketball Oregon State at Stanford (L)								
39 FS1	39	(5:30) NCAA Basketball (L)		Fox College Hoops	NCAA Basketball Oregon State at Stanford (L)								
43 SPIKE	43	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	★★ Beetlejuice (88, Com) Geena Davis, Michael Keaton.			
44 COM	44	(1:15) The Office	(50) Corporate "Trademark"	(25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0					
45 HIST	45	Swamp People "Racing Sundown"	Swamp People "The Hunt Ends"	Swamp People (N)	Swamp People (N)	Swamp People "Never Surrender/ Cajun Cartel" (SP) (N)							
46 A&E	46	(5:00) 60 Days In "Shank Anxiety"	60 Days In "Pissed Off"	60 Days In "Party Favors"	60 Days In "Party Favors"	60 Days In "Jail Crush"							
47 TLC	47	SOS "Diamonds in the Rough" (N)	My 600-lb Life "Brittani's Story"	600 Life: Supersized "Liz's Story" (N)	600 Life: Supersized "Liz's Story" (N)	To Be Announced							
48 DISC	48	"Moonshiners "Price to Pay"	Moonshiners "A Moonshiner's Farewell"	Moonshiners "A Moonshiner's Farewell"									
49 NGE0	49	Life Below Zero "To Catch a King"	Life Below Zero "The Intruder"	Life Below Zero "Forged in Ice" (N)	Life Below Zero "Heavy Load" (N)								
50 TNT	50	(5:00) NBA Basketball Houston vs San Antonio (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)									
51 AMC	51	(5:30) ★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines '03 Arnold Schwarzenegger.		★★ Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.									
52 USA	52	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lunacy"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Retro"	★ Fifty Shades of Grey (2015, Drama) Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle, Dakota Johnson.									
53 FOOD	53	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Tailgate Fate"	Chopped "Tailgate Party"	Chopped "Game Day Party"							
54 HGTV	54	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	
55 FX	56	(5:30) ★★ Terminator: Genisys (15) Jason Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger.		★★ World War Z (2013, Action) Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.									
57 CNN	57	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Special Report With Bret Baier	OBJEctified	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58 FNC	58	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	OBJEctified	
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank	Leno Garage "Living The Dream" (N)	Leno Garage "The Car My Father Drove"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	Jay Leno's Garage "More Power"	
63 BRAV	63	Top Chef "That's a Lot of Schnitzel"	Top Chef "Olympic Dreams"	Top Chef "Restaurant Wars"	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha" (N)	
64 TCM	64	(5:00) Swing Time (35) Fred Astaire.	★★★ The Harvey Girls (46, Musical) John Hodiak, Angela Lansbury, Judy Garland.	★★★ Love Is a Many Splendored Thing (55) Jennifer Jones, William Holden.									
65 SYFY	65	★★ Knowing (2009, Sci-Fi) Chandler Canterbury, Rose Byrne, Nicolas Cage.		★★ Battle Los Angeles (2011, Sci-Fi) Michelle Rodriguez, Bridget Moynahan, Aaron Eckhart.									
68 RFD	68	SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America Live	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		