



Mourners gather for a vigil at the scene of a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio. AP Photo/John Minchillo

As death count rises in shootings, a familiar aftermath for country

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EL PASO, Texas — Anguished families planned funerals in two U.S. cities, politicians pointed fingers and a nation numbed by gun violence wondered what might come next Monday as the death toll from two weekend mass shootings rose to more than 30.

The attacks 1,300 miles apart — at a packed shopping center in El Paso, Texas, and a popular night-life stretch in Dayton, Ohio — also injured dozens more. They became the newest entries on an ever-growing list of mass shooting sites and spurred discussion on where to lay the blame. President Donald Trump cited mental illness and video games but steered away from talk of curbing gun sales.

For all the back-to-back horror of innocent people slain amid everyday life, decades of an unmistakably American problem of gun violence ensured it wasn't entirely shocking. Even as the familiar post-shooting rituals played out in both cities, others clung to life in hospitals, with two new fatalities recorded among those injured at the shooting at the Walmart in El Paso.

As in a litany of other shooting sites before, the public juggled stories of the goodness seen in lives cut short with inklings of the demented motives of the shooters, and on-scene heroics with troubling ideologies that may have sparked the bloodshed.

Equally familiar, Washington reacted along party lines, with Trump's vague suggestion of openness to new gun laws met with skepticism by an opposition that has heard similar talk before.

"Hate has no place in America," the president declared in a 10-minute speech from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room, condemning racism and rehashing

national conversations on treatment for mental health, depiction of violence in the media, and discourse on the internet.

A racist screed authorities were working to confirm was left by the alleged perpetrator in the Texas shooting, 21-year-old Patrick Crusius, mirrored some of Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric. Some, like Ernesto Carrillo, whose brother-in-law Ivan Manzano was killed in the Walmart attack, said the president shares blame for inflammatory language Carrillo called a "campaign of terror."

"His work as a generator of hate ended in this," said Carrillo, who crossed the border from Ciudad Juárez on Monday for a meeting in El Paso with Mexico's foreign minister. "Thanks to him, this is all happening."

Trump, in turn, tweeted that the media "contributed greatly to the anger and rage that has built up."

Trump suggested a bill to expand gun background checks could be combined with his long-sought effort to toughen the nation's immigration system, but gave no rationale for the pairing. Studies have repeatedly shown immigrants have a lower level of criminality than those born in the U.S., both shooting suspects were citizens, and federal officials are investigating anti-immigrant bias as a potential motive in the Texas massacre.

Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, a leading voice on gun reform since the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in his state rattled the country with the slaughter of 20 children, immediately dismissed the president's proposal as meaningless. "Tying background checks to immigration reform is a transparent play to do nothing," he wrote on Twitter.

Whatever the political back-and-forth, or the re-energized presence of gun control talk on the presidential campaign trail, the very real consequences of gun vio-

lence were still being bared by victims badly injured in the two states.

In both incidents, a young white male was identified as the lone suspect. Though authorities were eyeing racism as a possible factor in Texas, where the alleged shooter has been booked on murder charges, in Ohio police said there was no indication of a similar motivation. Police in Dayton responded in about 30 seconds early Sunday and fatally shot 24-year-old Connor Betts. While the gunman was white and six of the nine killed were black, police said the quickness of the rampage made any discrimination in the shooting seem unlikely.

Betts' sister was also among the dead.

"It seems to just defy believability he would shoot his own sister, but it's also hard to believe that he didn't recognize it was his sister, so we just don't know," said Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine visited the scene Sunday and said policymakers must consider: "Is there anything we can do in the future to make sure something like this does not happen?"

Hours later, hundreds of people stood at a vigil and vented their frustration at the Republican governor, interrupting him with chants of "Make a change!" and "Do something!" as he talked about the victims.

"People are angry, and they're upset. They should be," said Jennifer Alfrey, 24, of Middletown, who added that she didn't agree with interrupting the vigil but understood why so many did.

In Texas, where 22 were killed, authorities said the accused shooter drove nearly 10 hours from his home in a Dallas suburb. Authorities seemed to take some solace in knowing the shooter wasn't one of their own.

"It's not what we're about," El Paso Mayor Dee Margo said.

OBITUARIES

Calvin Maurice Brown

Astoria

1934 — 2019



Calvin Brown

On July 26, 2019, Calvin Maurice Brown, 85, passed away after a long battle with Lewy body dementia. Calvin was born in Astoria in 1934. He was the son of Jue-Shee and Kee Wong-Brown. He worked in the canneries as a child.

He joined the Air Force, and proudly served across Europe during the Korean War.

Calvin went on to graduate from Oregon State University in electrical engineering. He worked at the Bonneville Power Administration for over 30 years, and then retired and moved back to Astoria.

His hobbies were numerous. He was a private pilot, and enjoyed fishing and hunting, but his true passion was spending time with his family and friends. He was very generous and always willing to assist his family and his friends. Coffee, good food and a hyper degree of safety were the three essentials to his everyday life.

He was proud of his Chinese heritage, and was instrumental in helping design and build a park honoring the Chinese community's contributions in the Pacific Northwest. The park, known as the Garden of

Surging Waves, opened in Astoria in May 2014.

Calvin is survived by his wife of 45 years, Agnes Brown. His family includes his son, Craig Brown, daughter-in-law, Holly Brown, son, Kirk Brown, and daughter, Kimi Wong. Surviving siblings include Richard Wong, Fred Brown, Thomas Wong, George Mendoza and Mabel Mendoza, and sisters-in-law, Deborah Brown and Marilyn Brown. Calvin has five grandchildren, Haydn Doggett, Gunnar Doggett, Clifford Brown, Gabrielle Brown and Jordan Brown.

Calvin was preceded in death by his mother, Jue-Shee Brown-Wong; his father, Kee Brown-Wong; brothers, Yen Wong and Phillip Brown; and sisters, Betty Wong, Marcel Wong and Dorothy Brown.

A memorial service is being held on Aug. 9, 2019, at 11 a.m., at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 576 12th St. in Astoria, Oregon.

A special thank you to the staff of Laurel Parc Brightway Memory Care facility. Messages of condolence may be sent at www.hughes-ransom.com

UK joins Strait of Hormuz mission; Iran slams sanctions

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TEHRAN, Iran — Britain said Monday that it would join a U.S.-led naval security mission in the Strait of Hormuz, where Iran's seizure of merchant vessels has raised tensions with the West. Earlier, Iran's foreign minister lambasted recent U.S. financial sanctions against him, calling the move a "failure" for diplomacy.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters in Tehran that "imposing sanctions against a foreign minister means failure" for any efforts at negotiations, and means the side imposing the measures is "opposing talks."

The U.S. administration last week announced sanctions on Zarif, a month after President Donald Trump had imposed similar sanctions on Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The moves are seen as part of Washington's escalating campaign in what Trump calls "maximum pressure" on the Islamic Republic.

The U.S. has increasingly deployed military reinforcements to the region amid unspecified threats from Iran in the wake of Trump's withdrawal last year from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

Britain's Ministry of Defense said it "will draw largely on assets already in the region." It said the Royal Navy will work alongside the U.S. Navy to escort vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, which sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, a shipping channel for one-fifth of all global crude exports.

Two Royal Navy warships are currently in the region, the frigate HMS Montrose and the destroyer HMS Duncan. The Montrose is due to leave for planned repairs later this month.

Britain has been giving U.K.-flagged vessels in the region a naval escort since the Iran's Revolutionary Guards seized a British-flagged oil tanker last month. Some Iranian officials suggested the seizure of the Stena Impero was retaliation for the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker off the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

European nations have been reluctant to take part in the U.S. naval mission, and Germany has said it will not be involved.

Last month, then-U.K. Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced that the U.K. would join with European allies to form a "maritime protection mission" in the strait.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
						
69 58	69 59	69 55	70 56	70 57	72 56	74 57
Clearing	Low clouds	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny; pleasant	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	76/53
Normal high/low	68/54
Record high	92 in 2012
Record low	43 in 1982

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	24.68"
Normal year to date	37.04"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Great Square of Pegasus is in the eastern night sky after sunset.

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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:39 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:57 p.m.
Moonset today	none

First	Full	Last	New
			
Aug 7	Aug 15	Aug 23	Aug 30

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:56 a.m.	6.9	12:05 a.m.	0.7	
6:31 p.m.	7.9	12:13 p.m.	0.1	

Cape Disappointment

5:29 a.m.	6.5	11:24 a.m.	0.0	
6:09 p.m.	7.5	none		

Hammond

5:39 a.m.	7.2	11:42 a.m.	0.2	
6:18 p.m.	8.2	none		

Warrenton

5:51 a.m.	7.3	11:57 a.m.	0.2	
6:26 p.m.	8.3	none		

Knappa

6:33 a.m.	7.1	1:06 a.m.	0.6	
7:08 p.m.	8.1	1:14 p.m.	0.1	

Depoe Bay

4:42 a.m.	6.9	10:51 a.m.	0.4	
5:24 p.m.	8.1	11:54 p.m.	0.9	

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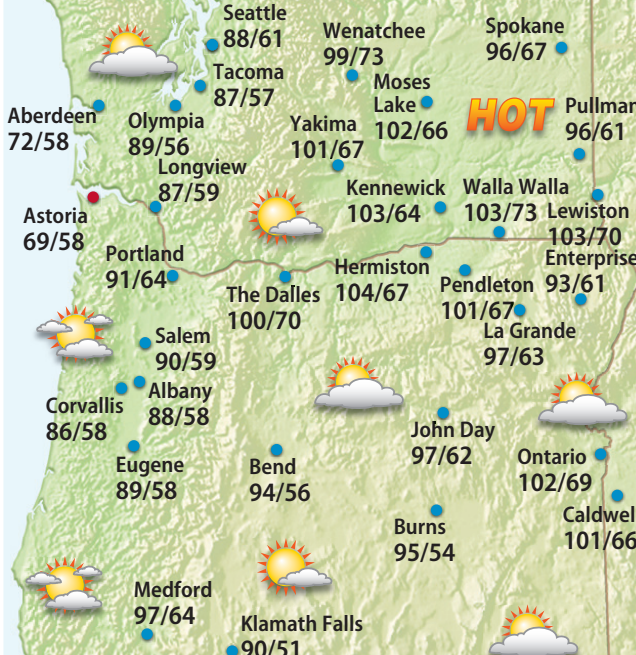
City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/72/pc	90/74/t
Boston	84/69/pc	85/73/t
Chicago	83/67/t	87/68/s
Dallas	96/76/pc	99/79/pc
Denver	93/65/pc	91/62/t
Honolulu	89/79/r	89/79/pc
Houston	94/79/pc	95/78/s
Los Angeles	85/65/pc	83/64/pc
Miami	89/76/t	90/78/t
New York City	86/74/t	84/72/t
Phoenix	106/88/pc	104/87/t
San Francisco	71/58/pc	70/58/pc
Wash., DC	91/74/pc	91/73/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	97/56/pc	97/57/pc
Brookings	65/53/pc	65/53/pc
Ilwaco	67/59/pc	66/59/c
Newberg	90/58/s	84/58/c
Newport	65/58/pc	64/57/c

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	68/60/pc	68/57/pc
Roseburg	88/61/s	81/61/pc
Seaside	70/58/pc	69/59/c
Springfield	90/58/s	81/57/pc
Vancouver	90/61/s	84/61/pc