

Praying the Headlines

John Woods | Dawson Memorial Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama | October 4, 2017

Say:

- The Psalms are the songbook of the Bible. We love the Psalms and use them a lot to offer praise to God and encourage worship.
- But, two thirds of the psalms are songs of lament, which the psalmist is tell God that *not all is right with the world*, that *bad things are happening*, and that *he doesn't see what God is up to*.
- Lament — or being honest about our grief and questions in front of God — is an important part of our discipleship.
- We often try to avoid lament — rush past sadness, ignore grief, and silence questions.
- Today, we're going to come face to face with that, and use it to push us to intercede for others.
- We're going to do that in silence, so starting now let's not talk until we're done.
- Distribute the newspaper front pages. Because of the resolution of the images, most of the body text is obscured, which is a good thing.

Say:

- As I hand you a front page from a newspaper, take a few moments to look at it.
- Pause for 30 seconds once they are all distributed.
- What images do you see? *Pause*
- What words do you read? *Pause*
- Notice how you feel as you look and read. *Pause*

Say:

- We're going to use these newspapers as a way to intercede — or pray on behalf of — others.
- Keep your eyes open as you pray silently. I will guide us through.
- This is a sacred moment, so let's continue to not talk.

Pray:

- God, we look at the words and images in front of us, and struggle to know how to pray. Help us now.
- Tell God about the things you see and read that upset you — that make you angry, sad, or confused.
- Look an an image on your newspaper. Pray for that person, their family, and friends. Let the Holy Spirit help you know what to pray for.
- Find a word on your newspaper that stands out to you. Offer that word to God, and ask that God be present in the midst of it.
- Look at the entire front page, and ask that God would give the leaders of our communities, churches, and country wisdom to know how to address these things effectively.
- Ask God to redeem this tragedy for his glory.
- God, we lift all those impacted by this tragedy to you, and ask that you'd comfort those hurting and mourning. Amen.

Say:

- Please pass the newspapers in and leave them here.
- As you go through your week, these images and words may come time mind. That's the Holy Spirit inviting you to pray.
- If you have questions or want to talk afterward, I'll be around.

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'Unimaginable'

■ At least 59 dead, 527 injured on Strip; gunman takes his own life ■ Shooter had at least 23 guns in hotel room, 19 more at home ■ Girlfriend not a suspect; motive remains unknown



The Las Vegas Village festival grounds on the Strip on Monday, after a gunman opened fire on the Route 91 Harvest country music festival, killing 59 and injuring more than 527 people Sunday night. Richard Brian, Las Vegas Review-Journal

By Rachel Crosby, Henry Brean, Anita Hanson, Jarrin Munko and Jessie Bekker
Las Vegas Review-Journal

The nation awoke Monday to the numbing news that the worst mass shooting in modern American history had ravaged the Las Vegas Strip.

It was a deadly ambush in a city built as an open invitation to the world.

"I just kept thinking to myself, 'This isn't real, this is not happening. This is not real,'" Lisa Schaaf, of Sacramento, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal near the scene, "I just kept thinking that over and over. And it was."

But the staggering carnage — at least 59 dead and 527 injured — brought out the best in Las Vegas Valley residents. They rushed to help the wounded, donated blood, supplies and money, and prayed en masse for victims and their families.

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Attendees of a vigil for victims of Sunday's mass shooting on the Strip share a hug Monday outside UNLV's Student Union. Stephanie Hager, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Killer's brother saw no warning sign

By Jeff German, Arthur Kane, Wade Tyler Millward and Ben Bokhn
Las Vegas Review-Journal

The brother of Strip killer Stephen Paddock wept Monday morning as he reacted to the news of Sunday's mass shooting on the Strip.

"We have no idea how this happened," said Eric Paddock, 55, of Orlando, Florida. "It's like an asteroid just fell on top of our family."



Stephen Paddock, 61, opened fire on an outdoor music concert from a Mandalay Bay hotel room late Sunday,

leaving at least 59 people dead and injuring at least 527. Paddock killed himself as police closed in on his room.

"There is no reason we can imagine why Stephen would do something like this," his brother said.

"All we can do is send our condolences to the people

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In the news

■ **David Freeman**, convicted of disorderly conduct for holding up his middle finger and shouting at his pastor during a church service in Flowerly Branch, Ga., had the conviction tossed out by the Georgia Supreme Court, which ended the action—contrasted speech protected by the First Amendment.

■ **Marco Delgado**, an El Paso, Texas, attorney and philanthropist serving a 30-year prison sentence for his role in a \$600 million case linked to drug cartels, had his sentence extended by five years for conspiring to launder money from a Mexican utility, prosecutors said.

■ **Dave Walker**, a police sergeant in Tulsa, said a 10-year-old boy faces murder, armed robbery and sexual assault charges after kidnapping and robbing an elderly couple, sexually assaulting the woman and then fatally shooting a 44-year-old man at a nearby home.

■ **Abdul Holmes**, 22, was charged with attempted murder and other counts after a 6-year-old boy was hit in the shoulder by a stray bullet as he stood outside his north Philadelphia home when gunfire broke out, police said.

■ **Trishna Shakya**, 3, was carried in a religious ceremony to a temple palace in the heart of Kathmandu, Nepal, where she is to live until just before puberty and be revered by both Hindus and Buddhists as "Yumari," the country's new living goddess.

■ **Nyriakos Georgios**, 27, surrendered after walking out of his parents' home in Houston carrying two knives and now faces murder and aggravated assault charges after police said he decapitated his mother and wounded his father.

■ **Chad Scott**, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent based in New Orleans, pleaded innocent to charges laid out in a 10-count federal indictment accusing him of perjury and scheming to steal money and property seized in drug investigations.

■ **Jack Kelly**, a county legislator in Ocean County, N.J., said public safety officials must track down the inmate who caused \$100,000 in damage by flushing a jail jumpsuit down a toilet, bursting pipes and sending raw sewage into offices and courtrooms.

■ **Shameka Peoples**, 31, injured five people, including her own daughter, and fled the scene after plowing her SUV into a group of young women involved in a street fight in Griffin, Ga., resulting in her arrest a day later on charges including aggravated assault and cruelty to children, police said.

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Vegas gunman kills 59 people



Police officers advise people to take cover late Sunday near the scene of a mass shooting outside the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

COMPILED BY DENISE BRADGATEY'S STAFF FROM VIDEO REPORTS
LAS VEGAS — A gunman on the 32nd floor of a Las Vegas hotel-casino rained heavy fire down on a crowd of about 22,000 at an outdoor country music festival, turning the exchange into a killing field from which there was little escape. At least 59 people died.

The rapid fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean bolted off the stage.

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Women hide inside the Sands Corp. plane hangar in Las Vegas after a gunman killed dozens of people at a music festival Sunday night.

Shooter known as heavy bettor
Brother can't connect dots

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Eric Paddock said he showed the FBI three years of text messages from his brother and said he had no information



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Puerto Ricans vent aid ire as Trump visit looms

COMPILED BY DENISE BRADGATEY'S STAFF FROM VIDEO REPORTS
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Outside of official events, many Puerto Ricans say they won't be welcoming President Donald Trump with open arms during his visit to the storm-battered island today.

People in the U.S. territory were angry or dismissive Monday when asked about Trump's description of some Puerto Ricans as "inmates" for criticizing the U.S. government's response after Hurricane Maria and his assurances that the relief effort is going well.

"He's a piece of trash," said Rachel Cruz, a linguist, who was heading home after buying groceries in the capital, San Juan. "He makes a fool out of himself and a fool out of his country."

Cruz said Puerto Ricans are furious with power still cut off on most of the island, with schools and many businesses closed, and with much of the countryside struggling to find fresh water and food, but she said even the angriest were unlikely to openly insult the man ultimately responsible for helping them.

"The majority of people here feel that way, but we have to be more balanced because we need help," she said.

Even Puerto Ricans happy with the federal aid effort for the U.S. territory's 3.4 million people said they resented Trump's tweets about some Puerto Ricans being lazy and ungrateful.

"We appreciate all the help that we've received, but his comments are not true," said Nancy Rivera, a private school principal who was out buying food. "We don't deserve that."

Rivera and her husband live in the north coastal town of Iba Baja, which was one of the hardest hit by Maria and where dozens of people had to be rescued from rooftops amid widespread flooding. The couple have moved temporarily to their son's apartment in San Juan.

Angel Tomas Crispin, See PUERTO RICO, Page 7A

School district starts on Gryphons' home

Groundbreaking held for LR campus

CYNTHIA BOWELL
DENISE BRADGATEY'S STAFF
Construction is underway on what will be the largest school in the Little Rock School District and the first high school built in the district since work began on Parkview High School in 1966.

A dozen pieces of earth-moving equipment have begun clearing the more than 25 acres of undeveloped land between Maebelle Pike and Mann Road for the 400,000-plus-square-foot southwest Little Rock high school campus.

The tract, which is south of the Home Depot at B Maebelle Plaza Drive, is scheduled to open in August 2020 to as many as 2,250 students in ninth through 12th grades. The school will replace both McClellan and J.S. Fair high schools in the Little Rock district.

"This is about as exciting as it gets," Little Rock Superintendent Mike Poore said at a ceremony Monday at the site to mark the commencement of work and to announce the school's colors — green and purple — and the mascot, a gryphon with the head of an eagle and body of a lion.

"We are a district on the rise," Poore said at the high-lit scene of the district's



An artist's rendering shows the 400,000-plus-square-foot high school campus under construction in southwest Little Rock.

Rendered by the Democrat-Gazette

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59 DEAD, 500+ WOUNDED IN VEGAS

SNIPER MASSACRE

A concertgoer comforts a woman after Stephen Paddock (right) opened fire on a country music show in Las Vegas Sunday night from the 32nd floor of a nearby hotel.



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Deadliest mass shooting in US history

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LAS VEGAS MASSACRE

'Total chaos' turned to terror in nation's deadliest mass shooting

BY KEVIN DELANEY, SENIOR MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL FIELD EDITOR
New York Times

LAS VEGAS

At first, it sounded like fireworks — a loud, crackling noise. Then the awful realization began to spread, silently, through the huge crowd.

It dawned on people when they heard screams, when they saw bloodied victims collapse around the m, or when others stampeded for the exits, trampling some of the people in their way.

Many of the terrified concertgoers followed their instincts and crouched or lay flat, not realizing that they remained exposed to a gunman lodged high above them. Others surged into surrounding streets and buildings, leaving behind debris lost in the panic — drink cups, shoes, and cellphones that kept ringing for hours, as relatives and friends tried to reach their loved ones and find out if they were safe.

By sunrise Monday, the stage-going toll at an outdoor country music festival on a cool desert night was becoming clear: at least 59 people killed, police said, and 527 injured, either by gunfire or in the flight to safety.

A lone gunman perched on the 12th floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino had smashed the windows of his hotel suite with a hammer, taking aim at a crowd of 22,000 people, and committed one of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history. Late Monday, law enforcement officials said they still had no idea what the motive was.

The gunman had 17 firearms, including a handgun, in his suite, according to Sheriff Joseph Lombardo of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. And when police searched the shooter's home Monday, "we retrieved in excess of 38 additional firearms, seven explosives, and several thousand rounds of ammo," Lombardo said. He added that they also found ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer sometimes used in making bombs, in the gunman's car.

The sheriff said some rifles found in the hotel room may have been modified to make them fully automatic. Automatic rifles, which fire multiple rounds with a squeeze of a trigger, are highly regulated, and on videos posted online by witnesses, the rapid-fire sound indicated that at least one weapon was fully automatic.

Among the revelers below at the Route 91 Harvest Festival, Melissa Ayala, 41, said she first realized what was happening when a man near her fell to the ground with a bullet wound to his neck. "There was blood pouring everywhere," she said. Ayala said she and four friends, who had come to the festival from California, were drinking and laughing when they heard the gunfire, which at first they thought was fireworks.

And then "it was just total chaos," she said. "People falling down and laying everywhere. We were trying to take cover and we had no idea where to

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A woman sits on a curb early Monday after the initial chaotic aftermath of a mass shooting late Sunday at a country music festival along the Las Vegas Strip. At least 59 people were killed and hundreds injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.



Investigators work the scene Monday after a mass shooting at a music festival near the Mandalay Bay resort and casino in Las Vegas.



Two women embrace outside of a family assistance center Monday in Las Vegas.

Motive a mystery for gunman, a high-stakes gambler

BY WENDY WAIN, ANTHONY SORRELLER-KELER, ANTHONY DEAN AND ANBARA LITVIN
Washington Post

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This photo provided by Eric Paddock shows his brother, Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock.

video poker," he said. "He sends me a text that says he won \$250,000 at the casino."

Eric Paddock said he showed the FBI three years of text messages from his brother and said

he had no information whether Stephen Paddock had gambling debts or was financially troubled.

"I have absolutely no information he lost a bunch of money. The casino would know that," he said.

Eric Paddock said his brother previously worked as an accountant but also had real estate investments, including houses and apartments around Orlando. He said Stephen Paddock had no kids and plenty of money to play with.

Eric Paddock said he did not know of any mental illness, alcohol or drug problems in his brother's life.

Their father was once on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. He was a fugitive bank robber and early around for either son.

"I was born on the man," Eric

Paddock said.

He knew his brother owned a couple of handguns but was shocked at the rapid-fire weapon apparently used by Stephen Paddock in Las Vegas. He said his brother didn't hunt, barely shot his guns and once took Eric Paddock's children on a short-shooting trip paid for by the casino.

Eric Paddock spoke in his driveway as he was getting in his car to go with FBI agents to interview his mother, who is in her 90s and who appears to have been the last family member to communicate with Stephen Paddock, about two weeks ago. Eric Paddock said his brother last visited him five days after Hurricane Irma hit Orlando to check if anyone in the family had been affected.

"He nexted and said, 'How's Mom?'" Eric Paddock said. He said their mother was bewildered. Like he was, why Stephen Paddock had shot and killed so many on Sunday.

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ISLAMIC STATE CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASS SLAUGHTER

58 killed, 400 wounded in worst US shooting

Reuters

CAIRO/WASHINGTON Islamic State (IS) has claimed responsibility for what has been described as the worst mass shooting in recent US history after a 64-year-old American shot and killed at least 58 people and wounded more than 400 during a music festival in Las Vegas.

However, officials said there was no evidence linking the gunman to any international militant group.

IS said the gunman had converted to Islam a few months ago, according to the group's news agency Amaq.

President Donald Trump called the shooting "an act of pure evil". He will visit Las Vegas tomorrow.

US officials said American security agencies were examining the status of responsibility.

"The Las Vegas attack was carried out by a soldier of the Islamic State and he carried it out in response to calls to target states of the coalition," Amaq news agency said. It referred to the US-led coalition fighting the group in the Middle East.

A video of the attack showed panicked crowds fleeing as sustained rapid gunfire ripped through the area.

"They were just dropping to the ground. It just kept going on," said Steve Smith, a 40-year-old visitor from Phoenix, Arizona. He said the gunfire went on for an extended period of time.

"Probably 100 shots at a time," Smith said. "It would sound like it was raining and then it would go again."

US authorities said the gunman, who lived in a retirement

home in Mesquite, Nevada, and was armed with more than 30 rifles, opened fire on a Las Vegas country music festival on Sunday night from a third-floor window.

The man, identified by police as Stephen Paddock, killed himself before police entered the hotel room he was shooting from.

Two senior US government officials told Reuters that Paddock's name was not on any database of suspected terrorists. There was reason to believe Paddock had a history of psychological problems, one official said.

At first glance he was set for a quiet life in a retirement community in Mesquite, amid the red desert hills of Nevada, where he had bought a new home in 2011 near his beloved casino.

His brother, Eric Paddock, said he was a peaceful man who moved back to Mesquite, where gambling is legal, partly because of his fondness for video poker. "He never drives his gun, it makes no sense," Eric Paddock said from his dorming in Orlando, Florida. His brother had a couple of handguns he kept in a safe, perhaps a rifle, "but no automatic weapons".

Eric said he had helped his brother move away from Central Florida's humidity to Nevada. The two were last in touch last month, texting about power outages after Hurricane Irma slammed into Florida. Paddock had no criminal record apart from a traffic violation, police in Las Vegas said.

In recent weeks, Paddock made gambling transactions worth tens of thousands of dollars, although it was unclear whether they were wins or losses, NBC News reported, citing unnamed law enforcement officials.



CARNAGE: Las Vegas police patrol a convention centre area during the lockdown at the Tropicana Las Vegas after a man shot and killed 58 people and wounded over 400. Picture: Chase Stevens/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP

● Yesterday the Department of International Relations and Co-operation said South Africa has extended the country's condolences to the government and the people of the United States of America following the shooting that occurred during a music

festival in Las Vegas. The department said. Concerned families with relatives in Las Vegas are invited to call the Department of International Relations and Co-operation on 011 203 1000 for assistance. See World Page 2

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De Lille hits back at JP Smith

Quinton Mtyala

MURDER Patricia de Lille has responded to lawyers over alleged remarks made by her municipal committee member for safety, security and social services, JP Smith, and members of the City's internal investigative unit, which she described as "indecisive and defamatory".

This follows a report last week in which Smith questioned the findings of the city's special investigating unit, which was probing the murder of former DA councillor Eddie Geoghegan, who was shot after a meeting in Philippolis in June. The unit had also reportedly probed alleged "irregular upgrades" at De Lille's private residence.

However, City Speaker Dirk Louw on Monday shot down such assertions, saying that security upgrades of the house were above board, and that she had paid for non-security removal fees.

Smith had written to the DA's federal council questioning why the unit had been shut down and a probe was to start yesterday.

Yesterday De Lille launched a scathing attack on Smith, saying, "We all know that crime fighting is the responsibility of the SAPS under national government."

JP Smith wants to play cowboys and crooks by releasing all kinds of

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Stalwart Petane to be remembered fondly

Sandiso Phiso

RELATIVES, friends and comrades of former inspector-general Mxolisi Petane will pay their tributes during a memorial service at Khayathi community hall in Gugulethu tomorrow.

The 50-year-old SANDF major-general, who was also a former Robben Island prisoner, died from natural causes at a Military Hospital in Thabo Molema in Pretoria almost two weeks ago.

Petane, a former United Democratic Alliance member, was one of many freedom fighters incarcerated on Robben Island under the apartheid government for his role in liberating the country.

He was born in Betsiwe in 1968 and his family was relocated to Gugulethu due to the forced removals policy of apartheid.

He completed his primary education at Sekhango Primary School and progressed to ID Mkhosi High School, where he became involved in school politics.

Brigadier-General Mofe Mphahlele said after the country's first

democratic elections, Petane occupied the highest echelons of command within the South African National Defence Force.

Petane's "passion to liberate backward countryside and women from the yoke of oppression saw him play various honorary roles in the ranks of the ANC as a political commissioner in Botswana from 1985 to 1987."

Former ANC Western Cape chairperson James Ngqula described Petane as a committed comrade who cared for and represented the interest of all citizens, regardless of the colour of their skin.

"He was willing, in our group of five, I am the only one remaining," said Ngqula.

In spite of the interrogations and torture Petane suffered at the hands of the apartheid police, he "never renounced or sold out his comrades", Ngqula said.

"For me personally, it was his dedication to the liberation of his country that stood out."

"He never renounced when asked to carry out a mission and was



MXOLISI PETANE

the most creative person I have ever met.

"Those of us remaining should welcome a well-lived life. He is one individual who had passion for what he was doing," said Ngqula.

In a Facebook post, top police man Jeremy Vinty wrote that he first met Petane as a fellow soldier of MK, soon after his arrest for terrorism in Pollenrose Maximum Prison in August 1987.

He said their engagement taught him "some useful techniques to divert focus from what was done (in his body and mind) during interrogation".

A military funeral for Petane will be held at Gugulethu NY 41 stadium at the weekend.

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Task team set up in bid to end Philippi killings

Sandiso Phiso

A TASK team consisting of community leaders, police and councillors has been established to combat crime and deal with socio-economic issues at the Marikana informal settlement in Philippi East, where 22 people have been murdered since September 12.

During a meeting attended by community leaders at the Philippi East police station yesterday Marikana residents passed a disheartening picture of the crime situation in their area and also spoke of the daily murders they experienced.

Police spokesperson Novela Pothole said two people were arrested for being in possession of an unlicensed firearm as well as ammunition. These were sent for ballistic testing to determine whether they were used to commit crimes. Pothole said the pair would appear in court once they had been charged. Four other people were also arrested for various crimes, according to Pothole.

In the wake of the 11 murders on Friday, Petane said police continued to maintain a strong presence in the area. The suspects, said to be part of a gang, were behind residents who patrol the area at night. According to Ntshengweni, owner of the Kwanoneni shebeen where four of the 11 people were killed, the shootings were an act of revenge after community night patrol members allegedly killed 12 suspected criminals by assaulting and asphyxiating them.

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Members of the newly established task team said they wanted the police to tighten security to keep residents safe and asked for electrical lighting poles, paved streets and a mobile police station.

Community leader Ntshengweni said the task team had approached the city to assist with burial arrangements of the 22 dead people.

Marikana community leader Joseph Molekane said most of the violent crime and killings were perpetrated by police youths.

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at long last, demanding gun sanity?**

**If we continue to do nothing,
all our tears are a fraud.**

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'I'm going to die'

By SALLY HO
and REGINA GARCIA CANO
The Associated Press

Las Vegas » The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean hustled off stage.

"That's gunshots," a man could be heard saying emphatically on a cellphone video in the nearly half-minute of silence and confusion that followed. A woman pleaded with others: "Get down! Get down! Stay down!"

Then the pop-pop noise resumed. And pure terror set in.

"People start screaming and yelling and we start running," said Andrew Akiyoshi, who provided the cellphone video to The Associated Press.

"You just didn't know what to do. Your heart is racing and you're thinking, 'I'm going to die.'"

While some concertgoers hit the ground Sunday night, others pushed for the crowded exits, shoving through narrow gates and climbing over fences as 40- to 50-round bursts of automatic weapons fire rained down on them from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino hotel.

By Monday afternoon, 59 victims were dead and 527 injured in

Photo by VEGAS OFFICE, AP



Natalynn Rivis, a student at University of Nevada Las Vegas, takes part in a vigil Monday in Las Vegas for dozens of people killed and hundreds wounded in a mass shooting at an outdoor music concert late Sunday.

GREGORY BULL / The Associated Press

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SLC music venues take another look at security

Protocols » Red Butte, Vivint say they always try to take every possible step to protect people, but Las Vegas attack might make them check again.

By ERIC WALDEN
The Salt Lake Tribune

The Sunday night massacre at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas has personnel at some Salt Lake City-area music venues

examining what, if anything, can be done to make their patrons safer.

From his 32nd-floor room at the nearby Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, gunman Stephen Paddock fired into a crowd of more than 22,000

people attending the festival while country star Jason Aldean was onstage, resulting in at least 59 deaths and more than 500 people injured.

Bryn Ramboof, the director of communications for Red Butte Garden, said the mass shooting at the outdoor setup hit home Monday for her and her colleagues.

"We feel that sense of

Photo by SLC VENUES, AP



Heyna Torvik



Cameron Robinson

At least 2 Utahns die in shooting at Las Vegas concert

By LUKE RAMSETH and MARIAH NOBLE

The Salt Lake Tribune

Jessie Wood was wading through the crowd of country music fans, headed for the bathroom, when she heard the pop-pop-pop late Sunday night.

The 22-year-old Ogden resident had come to the

three-day Route 91 Harvest Festival with her friend and friend's mother. The three glanced at one other: Were those fireworks? Then Jason Aldean stopped singing. The stage lit up. The women

Photo by UTAHNS, AP

Three Americans win Nobel for bio-clock discoveries

NATION » Three Americans win a Nobel Prize for discovering key genetic "gears" and researching inner workings of the body's 24-hour biological clock, the mechanism that causes jet lag when it's out of sync. » A6

Lawmaker may push to revive, expand Utah's old 'porn czar' law

Beyond pornography » Woods Cross Republican says he would like to let residents seek state guidance on many related issues.

By LEE DAVIDSON
The Salt Lake Tribune

Utah legislators are moving to erase from statute the state's long-dormant "obscenity and pornography complaints ombudsman" — popularly dubbed the porn czar — that once generated

international jokes and nuzzing.

But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Todd Weiler, R-Woods Cross, says he may try instead to revive that office with a wider scope "not just to focus on pornography" allowing residents to seek legal guidance from the state on many issues.

Weiler was the sponsor of Utah's resolution-declaring pornography a public health crisis, as well as legislation that allows parents to sue pornographers for the cost of counseling that children may need after viewing smut. He says he became convinced that the obscenity and pornography complaints office may be needed because of an ad campaign attacking Cosmopolitan magazine as illegal porn.

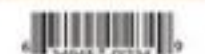
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SHOOTING IN LAS VEGAS

'PURE EVIL'

Gunfire, then carnage; death toll at least 59


People run after gunfire was heard. More than 22,000 people were at the Route 91 Harvest festival, a three-day country music concert with grounds across the street from the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, when the shooting began about 10 p.m. local time Sunday. "It was an act of pure evil," President Donald Trump said in remarks from the White House on Monday.

 BY HEATHER LONG,
 SHAN HERMAN AND
 DEBRA HAWKINS
 Washington Post

LAS VEGAS

A gunman in a high-rise hotel overlooking the Las Vegas Strip opened fire on a country music festival late Sunday, killing at least 59 people and injuring hundreds of others in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

The gunman, identified by police as Stephen Paddock, was later found dead by officers on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said during a news briefing Monday.

The massacre marked the nation's latest outbreak of gunfire and bloodshed to erupt in a public place, again spreading terror in an American city transformed into a war zone. The carnage in Las Vegas surpassed the 49 people slain in June 2015 when a gunman in Orlando, who later said he was inspired by the Islamic State, opened fire inside a crowded nightclub.



People hug and cry outside the Thomas & Mack Center after a mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival early Monday in Las Vegas.

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 Security officials say they believe that there was no way anyone could have prevented the mass shooting. **2A**

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 The unfortunate happened to country singer Jason Aldean, who was performing at the concert as the attack began. **1C**
Gunman was seen as an enigma who kept to himself

 BY CHARLES KAHN
 washingtonpost.com


Stephen Paddock

lived about an hour outside of Las Vegas. Video poker was his forte, his brother said.

To the rest of the world, Paddock, 64, is the gunman who opened fire from inside a 32nd floor hotel room at

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STATE DEPARTMENT

U.S. set to expel two-thirds of Cuban diplomats

According to U.S. sources, the State Department will announce the expulsion of Cuban diplomatic personnel as soon as Tuesday amid the sonic attack probe.

 BY FRANCIS GARDNER
 washingtonpost.com

WASHINGTON

The Trump administration will kick nearly two-thirds of Cuba's embassy personnel out of the United States after months of mysterious attacks tar-

geting American diplomats drove the White House to pull its own staff from Havana, according to multiple sources familiar with the plan.

According to three of the U.S. sources briefed on the plan, the State Department will announce the expulsion of Cuban diplomatic

personnel as soon as Tuesday. A fourth described the expulsion as "reciprocity" for the American withdrawal from Havana.

A series of mysterious "sonic" attacks began months ago and has affected at least 25 U.S. personnel. According to one source, U.S. intelligence operatives were the first known American personnel affected. The most recent incidents were reported

within the last few weeks.

The United States still does not know the nature of the device or weapon being employed against its staff.

The State Department has not accused Cuba of being behind the incidents. But it has repeatedly warned that Havana is responsible for the safety of foreign diplomats on its soil under the Vienna convention on diplomatic

relations.

"Cuba is not upholding its commitments of the Vienna convention, of protecting diplomats," said a U.S. source familiar with the State Department plans.

The State Department's decision follows days of pressure from some U.S. lawmakers to expel Cuban diplomatic personnel after the White House pulled Americans out of Havana

and issued a travel warn-

ing. Sen. Marco Rubio, who has emerged as a key adviser to President Donald Trump on all Latin America issues, tweeted last week that the United States "should expel a Cuban diplomat for every U.S. diplomat evacuated due to acoustic attacks."

The House attacks fol-

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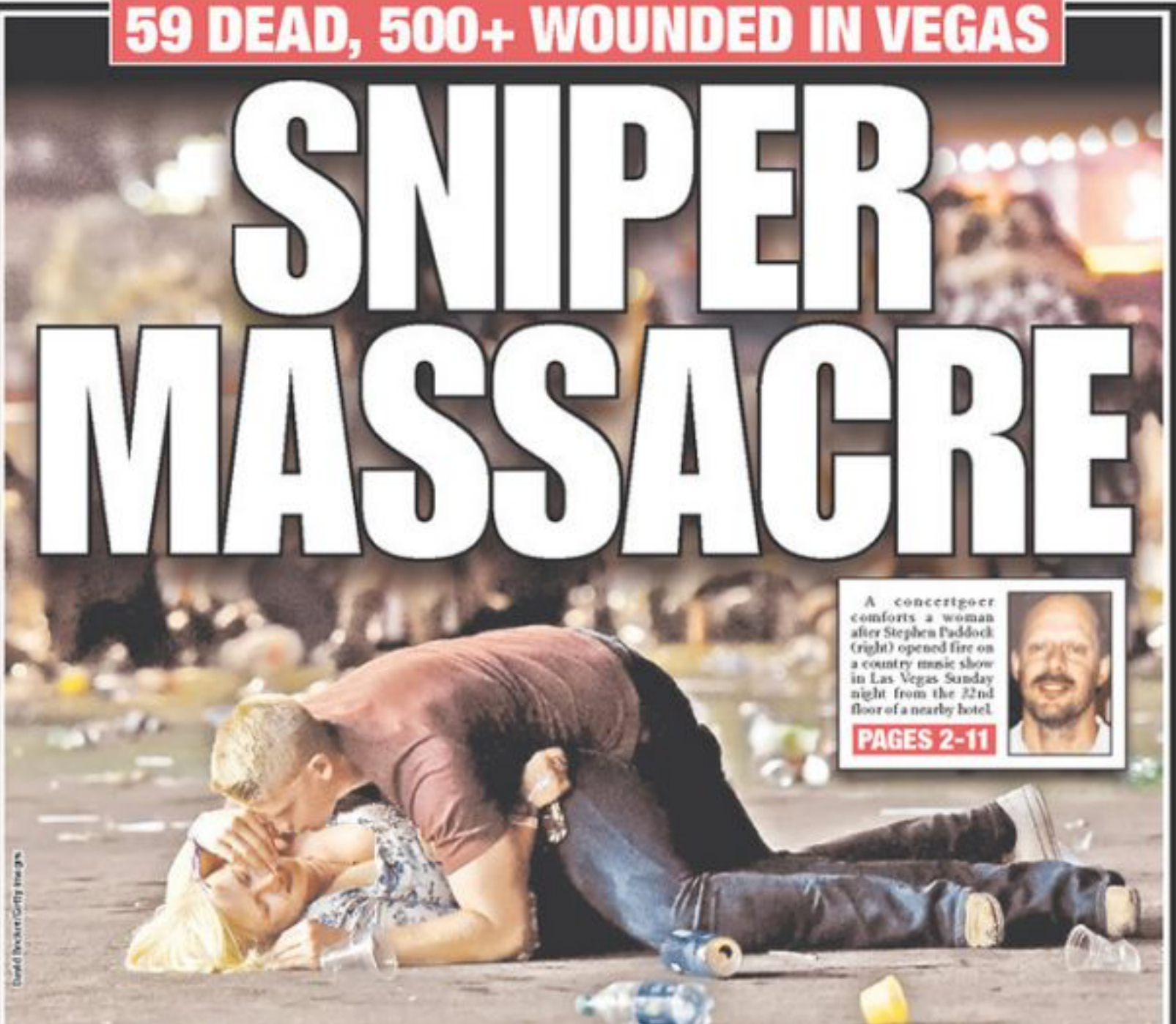
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A concertgoer comforts a woman after Stephen Paddock (right) opened fire on a country music show in Las Vegas Sunday night from the 32nd floor of a nearby hotel.

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HIGH-RISE SNIPER WAS A 'LONE WOLF'

Toll: At least 59 are dead in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history

The gunman: A high-stakes gambler who 'was weird' and 'kept to himself'

Elsewhere: There's no 'credible threat' at other U.S. venues, authorities say



Concert-goers carrying a victim flee a high-rise shooter Sunday night at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival on the Las Vegas Strip. David Becker, Getty Images

At least 59 people were killed and 527 others injured after a gunman opened fire Sunday night at an outdoor country music festival near the Las Vegas Strip — the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

The scene: The first shots came at 10:08 p.m., about 20 minutes into a performance by country star Jason Aldean. More than 22,000 concert-goers sought cover as a barrage of bullets ripped through the crowd, fired from a room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel across the street.

The gunman: Police said the suspect, 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, a resident of Mesquite, Nevada, had smashed the windows with a hammer-like tool before opening fire. By the time a SWAT team burst into the room, Paddock had killed himself. He was described as a high-stakes gambler who "kept to himself" before the massacre.

The weapons: The hotel room contained at least 23 weapons, mostly military-style rifles. A total of 19 more weapons were found in Paddock's car and in his home.

The threat: "Right now we believe it's a solo act, a lone wolf attacker," Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo said. Federal homeland officials said there were no specific, credible threats to other public venues around the country.

The response: "It was an act of pure evil," President Donald Trump said in a televised statement, adding that he would travel to Las Vegas on Wednesday. — *Los Angeles Times*

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Carnage

Nearly 60 killed, 500 injured at Las Vegas music festival

GUNMAN SPRAYED CROWD FROM HOTEL



A wounded concertgoer is transported in a wheelbarrow as first responders checked on the dead and wounded Sunday night on the Las Vegas Strip.



Police officers advise people to take cover near the scene of the shooting. A SWAT team found the shooter's room in the Mandalay Bay hotel, where he apparently shot himself.



Some found cover inside the Sands Corp. plane hangar. Injuries included gunshot and shrapnel wounds, as well as those hurt by trampling or while jumping fences to escape.

The Washington Post

LAS VEGAS
A CLITCH in the sound system. Glass shattering. Fireworks. Twenty-two thousand music fans absorbed the sounds of terror and searched for alternative explanations. Then, as the shots kept on coming, they saw the truth.
 They saw the blood. They saw people fall. They saw the country music star flee from the stage. They saw what they had to do.
 They ran. They crumpled down. They fell on top of their daughters and their sons and their partners.
 Sandra Galvan said she "thought it was glam. Like someone dropped some glam."
 Her friend Melissa Ayala heard people say it was just fireworks.
 Then Galvan saw a man on the ground, bleeding. Two women stood over him crying and screaming. A fresh round of rapid fire pings.
 Galvan, Ayala and Shaun Espinoza had planned this girlfriend's getaway from Orange County, Calif., to hear their favorite country bands at the Route 91 Harvest festival on the Las Vegas Strip. It had gone beautifully. They danced. They laughed so much, Espinoza said, "near sin hurt. We didn't have a care in the world."

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America's deadliest shooting is getting much more deadly. Page 5

Brother: Las Vegas gunman was wealthy real-estate investor



On Sunday, Stephen Paddock opened fire on the Route 91 Harvest festival, killing dozens and wounding hundreds.

From the report

Stephen Paddock lived in a tidy Nevada retirement community where the amenities include golf, tennis and bocce. He was a multimillionaire real-estate investor, recently shipped his 90-year-old mother a walker and liked to travel to Las Vegas to play high-stakes video poker.
 Nothing in his background suggests why he would have been on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino with at least 17 guns on Sunday.

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Decades ago, respected gunman's father was on the FBI's Most Wanted list. Page 9

"We had to get out of there"

Some survivors with ties to Hampton Roads escaped unscathed. Others did not.

By Lee Talbot | The Virginian-Pilot

Brent Johnson was washing his hands when he heard the popping.
 "I thought it was an audio problem because the music stopped," said Johnson, a Prince George resident with family ties to Hampton Roads who was in Las Vegas for the Route 91 Harvest festival to celebrate his wife's 40th birthday. "Then the popping sound started again and I knew it was gunfire."
 "I told the people around me that we had to get out of there. We'd run through the halls and hunker down when the shooting started again. It seemed like forever."
 Johnson immediately treated his wife, Laura, who was still in the crowd. She was OK and trying to escape the outdoor venue through another exit.

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Ashanti's legacy

A Beach 19-year-old who was found dead Friday after she went missing never got to realize her dreams, but a scholarship in her honor will help others do just that.

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Heartbreakers frontman and rock mainstay dies at 66

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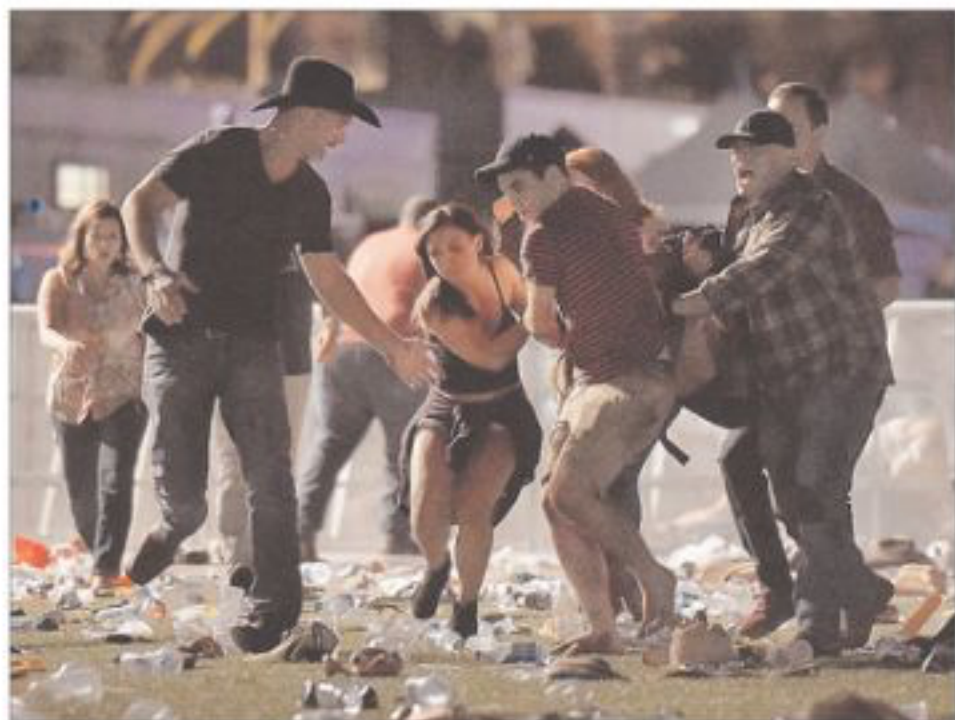
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MAYHEM IN VEGAS: 'LIKE A WAR ZONE'

GUNMAN KILLS 59, INJURES 527 AT CONCERT

Scenes of chaos and heroics unfold as bullets rain on country music fans on the Strip; shooter is found dead in 32nd-floor hotel room



PEOPLE CARRY AWAY a shooting victim at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday night. Strangers helped many of the wounded flee the site, and early Monday hundreds of volunteers lined up to give blood for the victims at local hospitals.

By **HARLEY BRANNON-POTTS, DAN PASTER, MATT FRANK AND KATE MATHER**

LAS VEGAS — Pop pop pop pop pop. As bullets rained onto the crowd gathered on the Strip for three days of country music, Travis Phippen's teasing belted in.

The off-duty emergency medical technician crawled from one victim to another, more than a dozen in all. They lay helplessly bleeding among the cowboy hats and plastic beer cups that concertgoers had dropped in panic when the shooting started.

Phippen plugged wounds while waiting. As he worked, a woman next to him was shot in the head.

He crawled to his next patient, a 240-pound man, and called him over.

It was his father.

The two men had invited their father, Stephen Paddock, to the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert but were separated in the chaos. Now John Phippen, 96, was a casualty vying for Travis Phippen's attention.

Phippen tried to plug the bullet hole in his father's back with one of his fingers as he carried him to help. But it would not be enough.

A total of 59 people were killed and 527 injured when a gunman opened fire from a room in the Mandalay Bay hotel across the street.

It was the deadliest U.S. [See Shooting, A1]

The victims: 'Ray of sunshine,' 'best dad,' 'teddy bear' ...

By **JOY MONSON, SONALI KOHLI AND MELISSA EBERARD**

They came from Alaska and Tennessee, Riverside and Simi Valley, commercial fishermen, police officers, teachers, retirees — drawn together only by a love of country music.

When the shooting stopped, so did these distant lives would end on the same desert asphalt in the fatal minutes to take the grim title of "the worst mass shooting in modern American history."

As the afternoon light faded on Sunday at the Route 91 Harvest Festival, Denise Burdick learned in her office with her husband, Tony. The lens caught a

slice of the gold glass Mandalay Bay Resort, in that point still famous only for its luxury lounges, igloo pools and walk-through shark aquarium.

The couple had traveled from Martinsburg, W.Va., and were posing photos of themselves poolside and at dinner.

This would be their last photo together.

"It saddens me to say that I lost my wife of 22 years, a mother of two, soon to be grandmother after this evening in the Las Vegas shooting," Tony later wrote in a Facebook post. "Denise possessed my heart. LOVE YOU DADE."

Denise, 36, was a Seattle restaurateur and described herself on Facebook as a "nerd." [See Victims, A1]

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California leaders say nation can learn from state's gun laws. **A16**

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23 firearms in room

Police say gunman used more than 20 firearms to attack those in. **A16**

Sold-out show

Route 91 was trying to draw music fans closer to the Strip. **A16**

EDITORIAL: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

We may not be able to control the violent impulses of our fellow Americans, but we must limit the weapons available to them. Filing to do so is a political executive. **A14**

Carnage on the Strip

Authorities say Stephen Paddock, 64, of Mesquite, Nev., opened fire on a mainly male festival from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.



Source: Google Earth, Clark County Sheriff's Las Vegas, Metropolitan Police Department

Los Angeles Times

Gambler, investor and killer

Many depict Stephen Paddock as a 'lonely guy,' giving no motive or clue for rampage.

By **BRENNAN WILES, HARLEY RYAN AND JOSEPH BERMA**

MESQUITE, Nev. — He was 64 years old and, to those who knew him, showed no signs of mental illness, extreme political views or an unhealthy interest in guns. He liked to gamble, and had bounced around over the years, living in Southern California, Texas and Nevada. But he seemed to have plenty of money, and had held steady jobs as a mail carrier, accountant, auditor and apartment manager.

Stephen Paddock's last job was here, in Mesquite, Nev., a modest desert oasis 15 miles northeast of Las Vegas, where he lived in a retirement community with his blonde partner and kept a low profile, concealing his life and maintaining no Facebook or Twitter accounts.

In an era when social media battles full-throated expressions of even the most rabid viewpoints, Paddock gave no hint of whatever it was that drove him to commit mass murder on the Las Vegas Strip. [See Paddock, A9]



PEOPLE GATHER at a candlelight vigil in Las Vegas to remember the shooting victims. Friends and family members also gathered there, often on social media.



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MASSACRE IN LAS VEGAS

'AN ACT OF PURE EVIL'



People scramble for shelter as the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas was pelted with gunfire. More than 50 people were dead and more than 500 injured. The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired as accountant, killed himself. (AP/WIDE WORLD)

Georgians, others recall
how they survived chaosBy Jennifer Becht
jrb@ajc.com

LAS VEGAS — They weren't slumped when shots filled the air. Not at first. Jason Allison was capping his set with fireworks, they figured.

Then bodies started crumpling to the ground and their was blood. So much blood.

"I got hit in the head right next to me," said Ted Kalnas, a Los Angeles fireman who was at the concert with Volansky Bradford, a nurse. "We got hit with a wave of people who just trampled us, while this guy was still shooting."

When evil was done pouring its fire in the form of a live shooter's bullets, nearly 60 lay dead, hundreds injured. Kalnas and Bradford could have fled but stayed and put their lives in jeopardy, applying pressure to the angry gunman the bullets had opened, speaking comforting words to victims who closed their eyes and didn't open them again.

"People were dying," said Kalnas, who said Stansley's was the worst nurse he's written and in 37 years as a first responder. Bradford's friend was shot in

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For ongoing coverage of this story, including articles, photos and videos, visit our website at myajc.com/lasvegas.Firing at concert crowd,
gunman kills at least 59

From news services

LAS VEGAS — A gunman in a high rise hotel overlooking the Las Vegas Strip opened fire on a country music festival late Sunday, killing at least 59 people and injuring hundreds of others in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

The gunman, identified by police as Stephen Paddock, was later found dead by officers on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said during a news briefing Monday.

Lombardo said investigators could not immediately identify

a motive, leaving no clear answer as to why a gunman

gunned down dozens of people.

He also said an additional 507

people were injured, though

he did not specify how many

were wounded by gunfire or

injured in the chaos that fol-

lowed. Clark County Fire Chief

Greg Caspell said officials were

seeing a "wide range" of inju-

ries including gunshot victims

as well as people injured by

charges, tripping or getting

hurt jumping fences attempt-

ing to escape.

Thousands of concertgoers

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CYBERSECURITY

Ex-Equifax CEO to face angry lawmakers over data breach

Atlanta-based firm drew outrage for delay in disclosing hacking.

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struby@ajc.com

WASHDC — Lawmakers on

Capitol Hill are outraged it took Atlanta-based Equifax nearly six weeks to alert customers about its massive data breach. Now House and Senate members plan to prod Equifax's former CEO this week about who knew what about the hacking — and when.

Whether their questioning leads to any substantive policy changes beyond a customary CSPAN grill-

ing is an open question.

What is known is former Equifax CEO Rick Smith will personally apologize for the hack and the company's response to it during four committee hearings in the House and Senate beginning today.

He plans to tell members of Congress that a mixture of "human error and technology failure" led

to the breach, according to pre-

pared testimony released Monday.

"Let me say clearly: As CEO, I was ultimately responsible for what happened on my watch. Equifax was entrusted with Americans' private data and we let them down," Smith's prepared remarks state. "To each and every person affected by this breach, I am deeply sorry that this occurred."

Smith's prepared testimony ahead of today's appearance before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee marks the most detailed public account yet

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Atlanta United seeks
big home-crowd edge

The five 50,000s, who will be bringing the biggest crowds when they host Minnesota tonight, are counting on help from the local fans.

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Death penalty on table
in slain detective case

The suspect in the Friday shooting death of a Polk County detective made his first appearance in court.

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Grief, confusion

"Act of pure evil": At least 59 are killed and more than 500 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S.**The victims:** Family, friends share stories about those slain and the hundreds who were injured. -7A**The gunman:** Motive a mystery as officials find dozens of weapons in his hotel room and his home. -4A

A man tries to protect a woman as other concertgoers flee from the Route 91 Harvest country music festival grounds after a gunman, identified as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock of Mesquite, Nev., opened fire Sunday night on the Las Vegas Strip. The gunman killed at least 59 people and injured more than 500 before killing himself in his hotel room at Mandalay Bay. The man shielding the woman in this photograph eventually helped her stand and they walked away. David Becker/Getty Images

Heroics emerge from chaos

By Lindsey Bever
and Wesley Lowery
The Washington Post

LAS VEGAS Seconds after the pop-pop-pops started echoing through the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday night, the music stopped and concertgoers tried to decide what had happened.

"That's gunshots," one person

said. "That's gunshots."

"Get down," another person shouted. "Stay down."

People started to scream as bullets sprayed into a crowd of thousands of attendees at the three-day Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas.

Some people started to scatter and search for cover.

But some people stayed behind

— or even made their way to the chaotic and deadly scene — to help the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

Former minor-league baseball player Todd Hylken, who had traveled with family and friends from Dallas for the concert, said

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Gunman a wealthy investor. Public records on Stephen Paddock offer no hint of criminal history or financial distress. -6A

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By Sally Ho
and Regina Garcia Cano
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean hustled off the stage.

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Grief, confusion

"Act of pure evil": At least 59 are killed and more than 500 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S.**The victims:** Family, friends share stories about those slain and the hundreds who were injured. -7A**The gunman:** Motive a mystery as officials find dozens of weapons in his hotel room and his home. -4A

A man tries to protect a woman as other concertgoers flee from the Route 91 Harvest country music festival grounds after a gunman, identified as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock of Mesquite, Nev., opened fire Sunday night on the Las Vegas Strip. The gunman killed at least 59 people and injured more than 500 before killing himself in his hotel room at Mandalay Bay. The man shielding the woman in this photograph eventually helped her stand and they walked away. David Becker/Getty Images

Heroics emerge from chaos

By Lindsey Bever
and Wesley Lowery
The Washington Post

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"Get down," another person shouted. "Stay down."

People started to scream as bullets sprayed into a crowd of thousands of attendees at the three-day Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas.

Some people started to scatter and search for cover.

But some people stayed behind

— or even made their way to the chaotic and deadly scene — to help the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

Former minor-league baseball player Todd Hylken, who had traveled with family and friends from Dallas for the concert, said

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Gunman a wealthy investor. Public records on Stephen Paddock offer no hint of criminal history or financial distress. -6A

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MASSACRE

AT LEAST 59 DEAD AND 527 HURT IN LAS VEGAS AFTER GUNMAN RAINS BULLETS ON CONCERT



A body is covered with a sheet Sunday night as first responders work the scene of a mass shooting at a music festival on the Las Vegas Strip.

STEVE MARCUS • Las Vegas Sun via AP

Well-off retiree was high-stakes gambler who 'kept to himself'

BY WILLIAM WAHL, SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR, AARON C. DENIS AND GABRIELA LITVIN
Washington Post

Before he opened fire late Sunday, killing at least 59 people at a country music festival on the Las Vegas Strip, gunman Stephen Paddock was living out his retirement as a high-stakes gambler in a quiet town outside Las Vegas.



Paddock

Paddock, 64, would disappear for days at a time, frequenting casinos with his longtime girlfriend, neighbors said. Relatives also said Paddock had frequently visited Las Vegas to gamble and take in concerts.

Eric Paddock said his brother often gambled in tens of thousands of dollars. "My brother is not like you and me. He plays high-stakes video poker," he said. "He sends me a text that says he won \$250,000 at the casino."

Eric Paddock said he showed the FBI three years of text messages from his brother and said he had no information whether Stephen Paddock had

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Gunman found dead in high-rise; no motive immediately identified

BY SALLY KO AND REGINA GARCIA CAMO
Associated Press

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Brapes blow out of broken windows Monday at the Mandalay Bay hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. A gunman was found dead inside a hotel room after Sunday night's mass shooting.

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New campaign contribution limits spur growth of PACs in Missouri

BY HARY ERICKSON
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY • New limits on campaign contributions may mean the end of an era of mega-donors writing huge checks to individual candidates, but the caps haven't stopped the flow of money into Missouri politics.

A Post-Dispatch review shows a surge in the number of political action committees being formed that can bundle money far above the \$2,500 individual contribution limits that were approved in a November referendum approved by 70 per-

cent of voters.

Through the entire 2016 calendar year, 86 political action committees were formed, according to the ethics commission, which oversees campaign finance regulations in Missouri.

Through the first nine months of this year, 99 PACs have been registered, with some of them clearly designed to benefit individual lawmakers.

Among them is Holly PAC, which could benefit state Rep. Holly Hubbs, a St. Louis Republican who was an unsuccessful

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Bodies on ground provide grim testament to massacre at country music festival in Las Vegas by 64-year-old retired accountant Stephen Paddock. Back page, terrified concertgoers flee the scene.

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At least **59** slaughtered, **527** injured in worst U.S. mass shooting

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59 are dead and 527 injured amid gunfire and frenzied rush to evacuate

Vegas gunman is identified as a retired accountant with no criminal history

Police find 23 weapons in hotel room plus guns and explosives at his home

TERROR RAINED DOWN



Shooting is most deadly in modern U.S. history, surpassing Orlando

THE WASHINGTON POST

LAS VEGAS — Perched in his suite at a high-rise hotel overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, a retiree with no known criminal history and no known affiliations with terrorist groups raised bullets down into a crowd of 22,000 at a country music festival Sunday.

The attack was as inexplicable as it was horrifying. By late Monday, 59 victims were dead and 527 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

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On Monday, following a night of shooting and panic as 22,000 concertgoers were fired on, the Las Vegas music festival site was left littered with debris. Flowers were left elsewhere on the Strip.

For Nebraskans and Iowans in Vegas, a night of panic and fear

BY MICHAEL O'CONNOR AND DAVID HENDERSON
WORLD JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

Travis Bahr first thought fireworks were blasting. But then Bahr, a hunter, recognized the sound. "Booms, booms, booms," he said. "We knew."

Bahr, his wife, Kelly, and their twin 14-year-old daughters were on the edge of the crowd when a gunman unleashed a barrage of bullets at concertgoers in Las Vegas on Sunday night.

Ruth of Adams, Nebraska, said their spot made it easier to escape.

"We grabbed the kids," he said. "And I said, 'Let's go.'"

He and his family linked hands and dashed through a

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New Goodwill CEO has experience fixing finances

Michael McGinnis led SAC Museum's rebound from deficits

By Brian J. Gonsky
WORLD JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

As it seeks to continue its rebound from a scandal over excessive executive pay, Goodwill Omaha is turning to a retired Army brigadier general with recent experience in the Omaha nonprofit world.

The charity's board of directors announced Monday that it has hired Michael McGinnis as its new CEO, replacing the ousted Frank McGree. McGinnis comes to Goodwill af-

ter having spent nearly four years as chief executive of the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum near Ashland, Nebraska. Before that, he spent four years as director of the University of Nebraska's Peter Kiewit Institute.

"We were so fortunate to have substantial applications from both local candidates and candidates around the country," Erin Limes, the Goodwill board member who chaired the search committee, said in a statement. "It was a very difficult decision, but one that the committee has made with confidence for the future of Goodwill in the areas we serve."

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Tom Petty dies at 66

In multiple stops here, rocker dispersed with great talk and just played. Living: Page 6B

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Annexation could launch another boundary battle

Papillion and Sarpy officials give Gretna's proposal a closer look

By Brian Kovach
WORLD JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The Papillion City Council will consider tonight the possibility of legal action over Gretna's proposed annexation plan.

That means the proposal, announced Friday, could set off another Sarpy County boundary dispute just one year after an earlier lawsuit was settled.

"It doesn't mean we are or aren't going to have litigation related to

the annexation," Papillion spokesman Breton Albers said in the closed-door session added to the council's agenda. "We just need to have the discussion."

The annexation proposal would double Gretna's land area and add at least 2,500 people to the small city of 5,660.

It would include Val's Pumpkin Patch and Sapp Bros. businesses. Housing subdivisions affected include Lincoln Place, Willow Park and Standing Stone, which are near Gretna's current city limits, and Lake Ridge Estates, which is at 168th Street and Highway 370.

Gretna officials have said the

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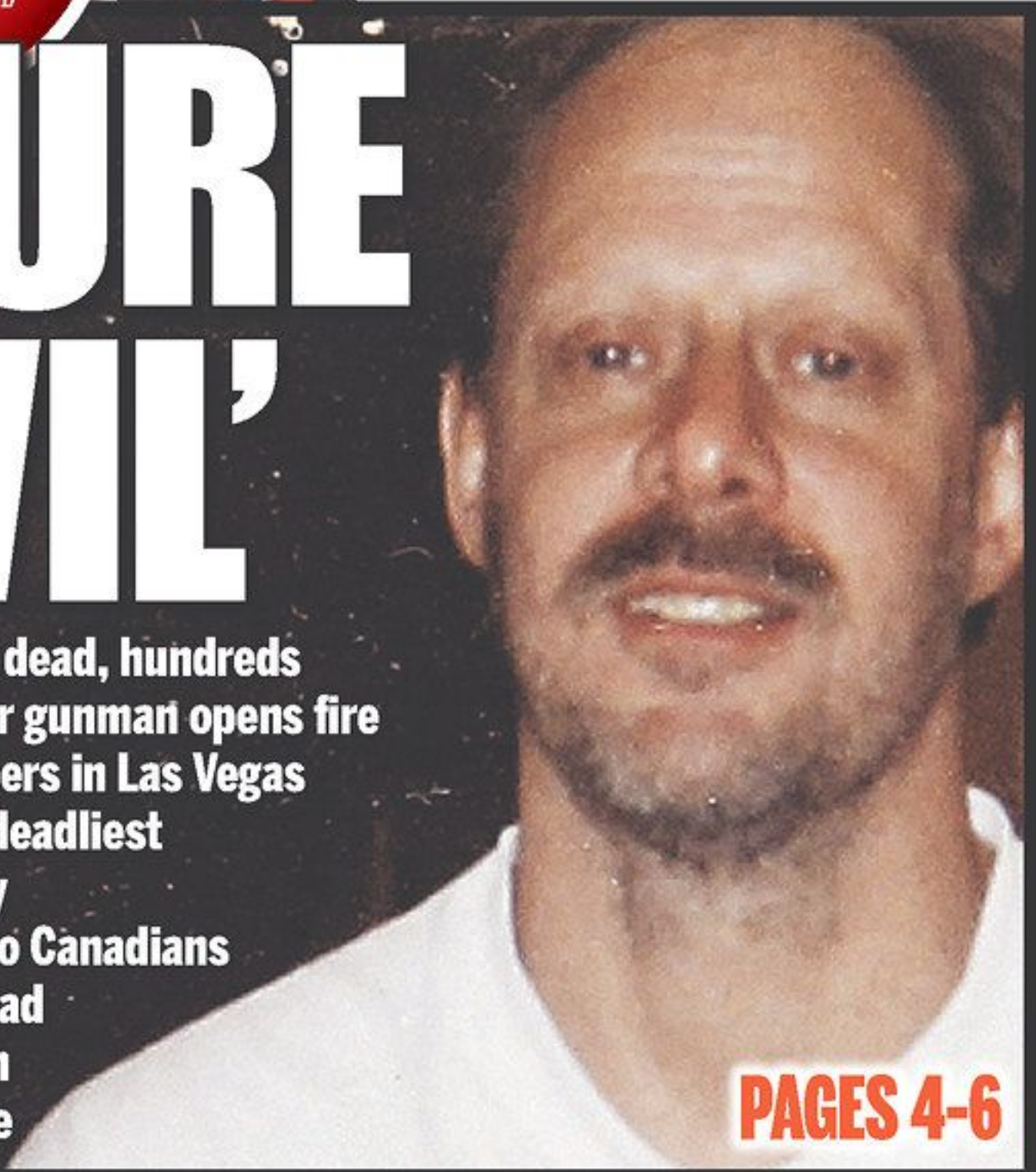
Tom Petty 'clinging to life'

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'PURE EVIL'

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American carnage

At least 59 dead, 527 wounded at concert

Mass shooting is worst in modern U.S. history

Gunman's high perch filled with guns, ammo



A man shielded a woman as others fled the Route 91 Harvest country music festival Sunday night after a shooter opened fire on the event from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Killer had lived in Dallas area

'Not a normal guy,' but also not on police radar; relatives 'humbounded'

By NAHEED RAJWAH, CLAIRE Z. CARDONA and RAY LESZCZYNSKI Staff writers



STEPHEN PADDOCK

or in North Texas, where he lived for several years, authorities say.

Stephen Paddock ended the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history by killing himself in a 32nd-floor room of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, across from the concert

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People hugged and cried Sunday night after a gunman, Stephen Paddock, dispersed the thousands-strong crowd at the Route 91 Harvest music festival.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S fatal attack had two huge differences from most mass shootings: **4A**
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Texans describe scenes of horror

As shots sounded, one resolved that 'I'm not going to die on the ground'

By DAVID TABBANT, JULIETA CHOCULLO, GONOR SHINE and TOM STEELE Staff writers

It was the moment when Yaddi Blyleven realized the sound of fireworks was really bullets, when the music stopped and the screaming started.

"People were falling," the Ft. Worth resident

said, "We were all on the ground."

And then, when the bullets stopped for precious seconds, Blyleven and the concertgoers all around him tried to do the impossible, to outrun bullets.

Some people got up and ran. Others lay still, said Mark Bethune of San Angelo in a Facebook post. "We went ahead and ran," Bethune said. "I'm not going to die on the ground."

Still numb with shock, witnesses, many

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TOM PETTY | 1950-2017

'Refugee' rocker sold 80 million records

Cardiac arrest blamed for singer's death after 40th-anniversary tour

FROM OUR REPORTS

LOS ANGELES — Tom Petty, an old-fashioned rock n'roll star and everyman who drew upon the blues, the Beatles and other bands he worshipped as a boy and produced

new classics such as "Free Fallin'," "Refugee" and "American Girl," has died.

Petty passed away Monday night at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles after suffering a cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, spokeswoman Carla Sacks said. He was 66.

Petty and his longtime band the Heartbreakers had

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The Associated Press In songs such as "Even the Losers," Tom Petty focused on daily struggles and the will to overcome them.

METRO & STATE

Butter sculpture creating much confusion at fair

Texas State Fair visitors are having a hard time figuring out exactly who is represented in "Honey Muchmore," the butter sculpture in the Creative Arts building. **1B**

BUSINESS

Coke paying big money for Topo Chico rights

Coca-Cola is buying Topo Chico, the Mexican mineral water brand that has grown a cult following among Texas' hip-beverage connoisseurs. **1B**
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NATION

Facebook shares info about ads Russia bought

Tactics used in Facebook posts underscore how the Russians used U.S.-based technology platforms to target Americans with highly tailored and sometimes contradictory messages to exploit divisions in American society. **3A**

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Officials of Catalonia, Spain on collision course

The leader of Catalonia insisted that Sunday's independence referendum had earned his region the right to a separate state. **2A**

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Former football legend O.J. Simpson signs documents at the Lovelock Correctional Center on Saturday, in Lovelock, Nev.

Simpson now free; to live in Nevada

Ken Ritter
Justin Pritchard

LAS VEGAS — Officials at a remote Nevada prison where O.J. Simpson was set free after nine years for armed robbery arranged the former football and Hollywood star's deal of eight-figure departure to a jail public scrutiny.

It worked. Simpson signed release paperwork and disappeared into the darkness early Sunday, minutes into the first day he was eligible for release. Through efforts by prison officials to keep the time and place secret, there were no journalists outside the prison gates to capture the moment.

Though publicity seems to be the goal, Simpson apparently took the advice of people in his inner circle that he avoid the spotlight. He was neither heard from nor seen publicly, except when a television news crew found him in a car at a gas station on the way to Las Vegas and he declined to be interviewed.

State Division of Parole and Probation Capt. Shawn Arzuff told The Associated Press that the former football hero and celebrity criminal defendant plans to live at a home in the Las Vegas area for the foreseeable future. Arzuff declined for what he said were security and privacy reasons to disclose the exact location of the home.

Simpson was released at 12:08 a.m. PDT from Lovelock Correctional Center in northern Nevada, state prisons spokeswoman Rosalia Krast told AP. She said she didn't know the name of the driver who met him and took him to an undisclosed location.

Krast recorded and released a brief video on social media in which Simpson told to "come on out" and he responds "OK" after walking through an open door and toward a parking lot bordered by desert scrub brush.

The prison spokeswoman also took photographs showing Simpson — in blue jeans, denim jacket, eyeglasses, ball cap and white

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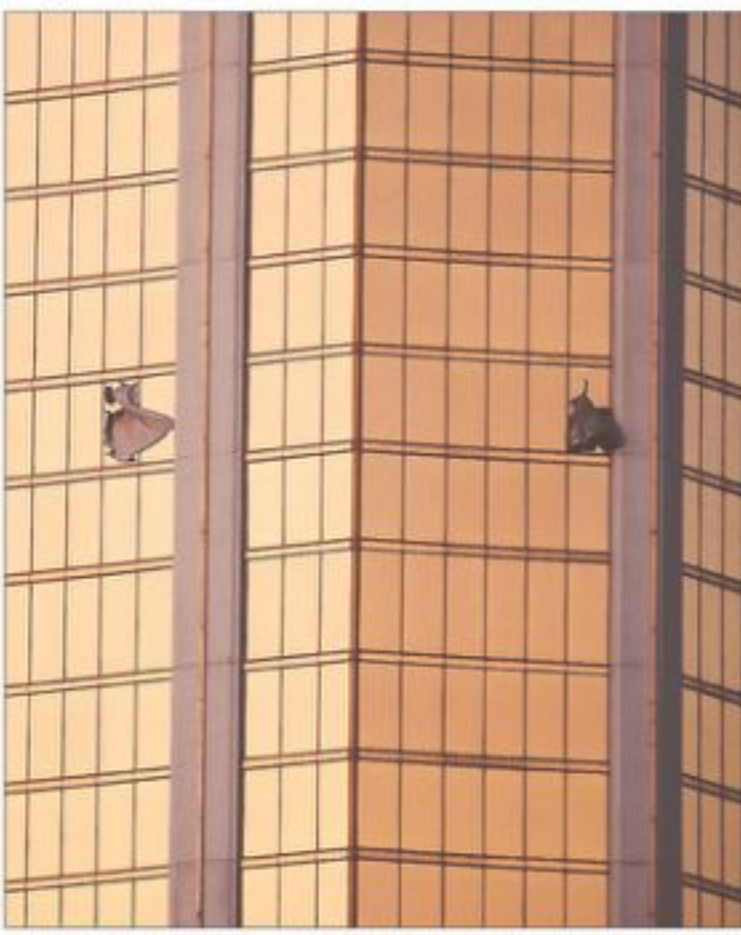
'ACT OF PURE EVIL' 59 DIE IN LAS VEGAS



Two women embrace in front of the concert venue where a mass shooting took place on the Las Vegas Strip on Monday in Las Vegas.



Eric Padlock, left, brother of Las Vegas gunman Stephen Padlock, speaks to members of the media outside his home on Monday in Orlando, Fla.



Drapes billow out of broken windows at the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on Monday on the Las Vegas Strip following a deadly shooting at a music festival in Las Vegas.

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Deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history

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Political leaders Tweet, react to deadly shooting

Phillip Jackson
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

The mayor and members of City Council reacted to the mass shooting that happened in Las Vegas on Monday morning.

"More than 50 people are dead this morning because once again, someone who had no business having access to a gun, got access to a gun," said Council President Donald Clarke in a statement.

"I am praying for the murdered, for the recovery of the

REACTION - 5A

Republican tax reform's sting on community would be significant

Charles D. Ellison
TREASURY WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT

ANALYSIS

Desperate to get powerful points on the scoreboard in the wake of Affordable Care Act repeal losses, both White House and Congressional Republicans pushed forward on a tax reform plan expected to consume inordinate amounts of negotiating bandwidth on Capitol Hill in the coming weeks.

The president, along with Republicans and a particularly zealous Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, have not been sensitive about their obsession with tax cuts.

"As we release the details of the plan, we will show all the

different impacts to the people," argued Mnuchin on Sunday during ABC's This Week as he pressed hard against changes that the package was tailored more for the top 1 percent than middle class and low-income Americans.

For Mnuchin, the GOP tax reform proposal is actually a "jobs bill," fewer taxes on business offer greater latitude to grow capital, thereby translating into more investment and more employment.

Observers had been hearing for this since the election.

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Michelle Obama set to speak at Pa. Conference for Women

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Former First Lady Michelle Obama will serve as the keynote speaker for the 14th annual Pennsylvania Conference for Women during today's luncheon at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

When Obama was announced as one of the speakers for the event back in July, tickets were sold out the same week.

Thousands of participants are expected to attend the one-day conference that begins at 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Convention Center located at 3401 Arch St.

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conference," said Leslie Stiles, Board President of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, in a statement. "With her career-long devotion to improving

the lives of children, increasing nutrition awareness and advocating for equal access to

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Seattle Times staff reporters

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The New York Times

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FBI'S HUNT FOR EX-GOLD COAST WOMAN AFTER MADMAN SNIPER'S LAS VEGAS BLOODBATH



MASSACRE FROM THE 32ND FLOOR

DAVID MURRAY
THOMAS CHAMBERLIN

A FORMER Gold Coast mum was named by the FBI as a person of interest after her crazed roommate killed scores and wounded more

than 200 in a machine gun massacre in Las Vegas.

Stunned police said Mariou Danley (above) was with the killer shortly before he opened fire on revellers at a country music festival, shooting from the 32nd floor of

Las Vegas's Mandalay Bay Resort.

Thousands of concertgoers fled in terror as bullets rained down in a bloodbath that left more than 50 dead and shut down the famous casino strip.

Police shot and killed the gun-

man in his room, but issued an alert for Danley. Hours later officials said they were confident she had been "located".

Friends last night revealed Danley, who worked in the gaming industry, lived in Queensland for

about 10 years and had an Australian husband before moving to the US. "I would never have thought she would be tied up in anything like this," one friend, from Robina, told *The Courier-Mail*.

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MORE THAN 500 HURT AS GUNMAN OPENS FIRE ON COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL FROM HOTEL WINDOW

POLICE STRUGGLE TO DISCERN MOTIVE OF SHOOTER WITH NO RECORD OR TERRORISM TIES

59 die in Las Vegas attack

THE SCENE

Confusion, then a tumble into chaos at concert

BY MICHAEL LEVIN, DEVLIN BARKETT AND MARK RYMAN

LAS VEGAS — A fight in the second system. Glass shattering. Fireworks. Twenty-two thousand music fans absorbed the sounds of terror and searched for alternative explanations. Then, as the shots kept on coming, they saw the truth.

They saw the blood. They saw people fall. They saw the country music star flee from the stage. They saw what they had to do.

They ran. They reached down. They fell on top of their daughters and their sons and their partners. Sandra Cabral said she "thought it was glass, like someone dropped a glass."

Her friend Melissa Apala heard people say it was just fireworks.

Then chaos: one man on the ground, bleeding. Two women stood over him crying and screaming. A fresh round of gunfire rang.

Cabral, Apala and Shana Espinosa had planned this girl's birthday getaway from Orange County, Calif., to hear their favorite country festival at the Flamingo Las Vegas. It had gone beautifully. They danced. They laughed to mark Espinosa's 21st birthday. "You ain't had, you didn't have a care in the world." Now, they had one: one only. They ran.

On Tuesday night, just after 10, KCRW 90.5 FM



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THE WORST MASS SHOOTINGS IN MODERN DAY U.S.



Source: FBI's annual report on gun violence in the United States, "Incidents," Washington Post research.

BY LYNN BUL, MATT ZAROVSKY, DEVLIN BARKETT AND MARK RYMAN

LAS VEGAS — Pinned in his suite at a high-rise hotel overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, a 64-year-old retiree with no real criminal history and no known affiliations with terror groups raised bullets down into a crowd at a country music festival Sunday, killing at least 59 people and injuring hundreds more in the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

The attack, almost certainly, was an impulsive act as it was fleeting. Law enforcement officials said they could not immediately tell what drove Stephen Paddock to fire thousands of ravaging magazine rounds from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino before killing himself.

Authorities said a review of law enforcement databases showed that Paddock had no known ties with police, and — despite the federal state's reported claims — investigators could not find any connections to international terrorist groups. Paddock was a son of a notorious bank robber, and his own crime drama tried some sophisticated planning.

Police said he had stayed in the large hotel suite for several days and had seemed so suspicious, even though he bought with him an arsenal of 22 guns — 10 other magazines, 225 to 300, some with scopes — authorities said. One of the weapons he apparently used in the attack was an AR-15-type rifle, with a stock to steady it for shooting, people familiar with the case said. He fired, without warning, from an elevated position on an open-air venue, leaving his victims few options to avoid harm.

"I can't get into the mind of a psychopath," said Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, head of the Las Vegas police department, which is leading the investigation.

Investigators Monday searched Paddock's home in Mesquite, Nev., and another piece of property he owned, and they hoped to review surveillance footage and other electronic tools to determine how and why Paddock perpetrated the unprecedented massacre.

Among the questions they have: How a former associate with a penchant for high-stakes Las Vegas bets came to do this.

It's just incredibly surreal
Loved ones felt the horror of what had happened Sunday Oct. 2. A2

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Thirty days after the shooting, it's still unclear what happened. A2

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Recent mass shootings have not moved the gun control debate forward. A1

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The state's voters will have to decide whether to pass a new gun law. B1

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THE GUN CACHE

Arsenal and high perch made this attack so lethal

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENBERG, DEVLIN BARKETT AND ALAN HOUSSON

Stephen Paddock's lethal attack on a Las Vegas country music festival Sunday night was distinguished from most mass shootings by two features: the size of the arsenal he smuggled into the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and the great height from which he shot.

With a cache of 22 firearms, most of them powerful, Paddock, 64, smashed the windows of his 32nd-floor hotel room and then, from high above the Las Vegas Strip, sprayed bullets down on 20,000 people listening to country music at the Flamingo.

One of the weapons Paddock apparently used in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history was an AR-15-type rifle, with a stock to steady it for firing, according to people familiar with the case. Investigators believe at least one of the guns functioned as if it were fully automatic and are now working to determine whether he modified it or others to be capable of automatic fire.

THE SHOOTER

Retiree with money to burn was a gambler and always on the move

BY BARBARA LITTON, SANDRA SCHMIDTKE, AARON C. DAVIS AND WILLIAM WAN



PHOTO BY AP/WIDE WORLD FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. People attending the Flamingo Las Vegas country music festival scramble for cover after a gunman opened fire from a suite on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. ABOVE: Drapes billow out from the windows apparently broken out by Stephen Paddock, a 64-year-old retiree, before he began shooting from a large cache of weapons.

ORLANDO — He liked to bet big, wagering tens of thousands of dollars in a sitting. He owned homes in four states but preferred staying in casino hotels, sometimes for weeks at a time, as he worked the gambling markets.

He grew up the son of a retired bank robber who was constantly running from the law. But in his own life, Stephen Paddock, 64, had kept his nose clean until Sunday night, when he suddenly unleashed a hailstorm of bullets from his casino hotel room, killing at least 59 people and injuring more than 500 more on the Las Vegas Strip.

"If you told me an asteroid fell into Earth, it would scare the same to me. There's absolutely no reason, no reason he did this," his brother Eric Paddock said in an interview outside his home in

Russia exploited ad tool tailored for corporate America

BY ELIZABETH DROGINA, CLARA TIMBERG AND ADAM ENGLISH

SAN FRANCISCO — Russian operatives set up an array of misleading Web sites and social media pages to identify American voters susceptible to propaganda, then used a powerful Facebook tool to repeatedly send those messages designed to influence their political behavior, say people familiar with the investigation into the

Facebook service was used by operatives to target voters in U.S.

election. The Russians exploited this system by creating English-language sites and Facebook pages that clearly mimicked those created by U.S. political activists.

The Web sites and Facebook pages displayed subtle or other messages focused on such hot-button issues as illegal immigration, African American political activism and the rising prominence of Muslims in the United States. The



Redskins buckle late, fall to Kansas City

Jordan Reed and the Redskins made it interesting, forging a late tie, before giving up nine points in the final minute and losing to Kansas City, 20-16, on Oct. 2 in the season. More coverage in Sports, D1.

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News organ editors have taken notice of the singer's death. C1

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TRAGEDY IN NEVADA

'AN ACT OF PURE EVIL' KILLS, HURTS OVER 500



This injured woman took shelter in a nearby airplane hanger during the shooting Sunday night in Las Vegas.

'Blood all over the place.' Two Lexington men in Vegas hid for their lives.

BY MIKE HUNNING
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Sunday night's carnage in Las Vegas was unfathomable, according to a Lexington resident who was working at what became the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

James Ochsenbein is the head of the camera department for Lexington-based Post Time Studios, which was contracted by LiveNation to take video of various performers at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Vegas. He was backstage, just wrapping up his day with fellow Lexington native Chad Perkins, when he heard what he initially thought were fireworks.

"But then after a few seconds you heard people screaming, the music stopping and everyone running in every direction," Ochsenbein said. "Chad and I took off running and went into the production trailer to bunker down. There were about 15 to 20 people in there, and we just stayed down and locked the door, turned the lights off and waited for the shooting to stop."

Ochsenbein, concert workers and festival-goers had no idea where the gunman was. They simply heard rapid gunshots.

"I was able to look out the window, and Chad and I were in utter disbelief," he said. "Imagine 20,000 people running over each other trying to get out. I don't know what to compare it to. World War Z maybe."

The shooter, Stephen Paddock, 64, was on the 32nd floor of the nearby Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino. Paddock killed at least 58 people and injured more than 500, local authorities said.

When Ochsenbein and Per-

BY KEN HELMAN AND RICHARD PEREZ-PENA
The New York Times

LAS VEGAS

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Many of the terrified people followed their instincts and crouched or lay flat, not realizing that they remained exposed to a gunman lodged high above them, while others vaulted into surrounding streets and buildings, leaving behind a litter of drink cups, cellphones, bags and shoes lost in the panic.

By sunrise Monday, the staggering toll at an outdoor country music festival on a cool desert night was becoming clear: at least 59 people died, police said, and 527 were in-

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At least 59 dead in Las Vegas in massacre by lone gunman



Shoes splattered with blood were left behind at the scene of the shooting in Las Vegas.

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CLEAN UP THE ACC? START WITH THE TARHEELS

Columnist Mark Story says nothing that's happened at U of L has damaged the credibility of the ACC as much as the nearly two decades of fraudulent classes taken by almost 1,500 North Carolina athletes. 1B



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'Act of pure evil' leaves at least 58 dead



Suzanne
Lynch
in Las Vegas

An eerie silence enveloped the central strip that runs through Las Vegas as a dawn city came to terms with the worst mass shooting in American history.

The four-mile thoroughfare - usually alive with fun and decadence - was deathly quiet, its neon signs and palm trees adding a surreal quality to the scene.

Just hours earlier, the beach city was transformed into a war zone, after a 64-year-old American smashed through a window on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel and began shooting into a crowd attending the final day of an outdoor country music festival.

Shortly after 10pm on Sunday night, Stephen Paddock began his killing spree, pointing at one point to change weapons. But the response was of little relief to his victims who dashed for cover or fled screaming into nearby buildings. At least 58 people were killed and 515 injured as casinos and hotels became makeshift hospitals, and some ran to the airport nearby, desperate to escape.

Smashed window

Outside the Mandalay Bay hotel, police had cordoned off the vicinity, but the smashed window on the 32nd floor from where Paddock launched his attack was plainly visible across the city. Across the road, the wide expanse of land where 22,000 people had been enjoying the Route 91 Harvest Festival, was now a crime scene.

Spencer and Charlotte, friends from London, were in



their room in the Lasso Hotel just north of the Mandalay where the shooting erupted.

"I heard the shots clearly, but I wasn't sure what was happening. The next thing there was a roar of people heading towards our hotel and away from the grounds. We were put on lockdown."

They arrived in Las Vegas on Saturday and are due to leave tomorrow for Mexico. Although Virgin Atlantic contacted them offering a change in flight, they decided to stay. "It's surreal, it's literally silent everywhere, most people have left."

Earlier in the day, US president Donald Trump addressed the nation from the White House, describing the attack as "an act of pure evil." He will visit here tomorrow.

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Simon Carswell



"We cannot fathom their pain. We cannot imagine their loss. To the families of the victims: We are praying for you and we are here for you," he said.

Politically charged issue

But as families mourned and desperately searched for loved ones, almost immediately a wider debate began, as the politically charged issue of gun control once again moved centre stage.

Paddock, who shot himself dead before SWAT teams beat down his hotel room door, was found with at least sixteen weapons by his side.

The state of Nevada has some of the most relaxed gun control laws in the country - there are no limits to the number of guns individuals are per-

mitted to possess, including machine guns.

But with Republicans vetoing Congress there was little hope of advancing gun control measures. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said now was not the time to debate gun control.

"There is a time and place for a political debate but this is a time to unite as a country," she said.

Sunday's attack was the biggest mass shooting in American history, and the first major attack since a gunman opened fire in the Pulse nightclub in Florida last year, killing 49 people. As police cordoned Paddock's home in Nevada, they began posting together a picture of the man who brought carnage to the heart of Las Vegas.

Paddock, was a high-stake gambler, regularly visiting the city. An accountant, who also had real estate interests, his father was a bank robber who was once on the FBI's most wanted list.

Mr Paddock's brother Eric

expressed shock at the news. "He's just a guy who played video poker and took cruises and ate burritos at Taco Bell. There's no political affiliation that we know of. There's no religious affiliation that we know of."

■ Concert-goers scramble for cover at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival after a gunman fired into the 22,000-strong crowd from the 32nd floor of a nearby hotel for several minutes.
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Nama plan would provide cheap loans to builders

FACHRELLY

Political Correspondent

Antiproposed Nama would provide cheap loans to developers to speed up the construction of houses and apartments under proposals being discussed by the Government.

The cost of builders accessing finance to fund development has been identified as a key problem by Ministers as they seek to tackle the crisis.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar last month announced the Government is preparing to repropose Nama to help drive housebuilding. Sources said the new Nama would be focused on "developing the land it holds and lending to non-Nama developers to build at commercial rates".

This could be done, according to the sources, by using the €1 billion in cash or equivalents Nama holds, raising its own funds on the markets to be used

for loans, and by accessing the European Investment Bank. Nama could provide loans with interest rates of 4-6 per cent, well below rates offered by banks and financiers, which it is claimed makes it less viable to build new homes.

Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy has acknowledged that smaller builders, in particular, are having problems accessing finance at competitive rates and said this issue

would be addressed in next week's budget.

Sources said it was unlikely any Nama announcements will be made on budget day, but this could change.

Discussions are continuing between the departments of finance and housing about the future of the agency. They include transferring responsibility for Nama, or whatever the organisation will be called in future, from the Department of Fi-

nance to the Department of Housing. Such a move would require significant legislative change, which would need the support or acquiescence of Finance to pass.

It is expected additional expenditure will be allocated for social housing provision in next week's budget.

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Mainly dry and sunny but heavy showers over the northern half of the country. Highs of 12-15 degrees.

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■ Casualties: 59 dead, 500+ wounded

■ Gunman kills self in hotel-room perch

■ Arsenals found in killer's room, house

■ One concertgoer: 'I'm going to die'



Discarded personal items covered in blood sit at the scene of the mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip. (MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES)

From wire reports

LAS VEGAS — The motive behind the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history remained a mystery Monday night as police sought to learn more about Stephen Paddock, the apparent "lone wolf" gunman who opened

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Sniper in high-rise Vegas hotel kills 59, injures 500-plus



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A body is covered with a sheet after a mass shooting in which dozens were killed at a music festival on the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday.

BY BALLY RO
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — The rapid fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean hustled off stage.

"That's gunshots," a man could be heard saying emphatically on a cellphone video in the nearly half minute of silence and confusion that followed. A woman pleaded with others: "Get down! Get down! Stay down!"

Then the pop-pop-pop noise resumed. And pure terror set in.

"People start screaming and yelling and we start running," said Andrew Akhoshi, who provided the cellphone video to The Associated Press. "You could feel the panic. You could feel like the bullets were flying above us. Everybody's ducking down, running low to the ground."

While some concertgoers hit the ground Sunday night, others pushed for the crowded exits, shoving through narrow gates and climbing over fences as 40- to 50-round bursts of automatic weapons fire rained down on them from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino hotel.

By Monday afternoon, 59 victims were dead and 527 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

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"You just didn't know what to do," Akhoshi said. "Your heart is racing and you're thinking, 'I'm going to die.'"

The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired accountant from Mesquite, Nevada, killed himself before officers stormed Room 125 in the gold-colored glass skyscraper.

The avid gambler who according to his brother made a small fortune investing in real estate had been staying there since Thursday and had hoisted out windows to crane his sniper's perch roughly 500 yards from the concert grounds.

The motive for the attack remained a mystery, with Sheriff Joseph Lombardo saying, "I can't get into the mind of a psychopath at this point."

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The worst mass shooting in U.S. history

A gunman perched on the 32nd floor of a Las Vegas hotel-casino unleashed a hail of bullets on an outdoor country music festival below, killing at least 59.



Source: Aerial image by Esri/Mapbox, DeLorme, GeoEye, IGN, Aerotech, Earthstar, CNES, Airbus, GeoEye, IGN, Aerotech, Earthstar, CNES, Airbus, GeoEye



File photo | The Herald Bulletin

Lily Marsh of Anderson stands in her backyard with her three pet pigs in this file photo from August. Marsh has filed an appeal of a decision by the Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals in an effort to keep her three miniature pigs within the city limits.

Woman files appeal to keep pet pigs

Board of Zoning Appeals denied variance in August

BY KEN DE LA BASTIDE
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — Anderson resident Lily Marsh has filed an appeal of a decision by the Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals in an effort to keep her three miniature pigs within the city limits.

Marsh's attorney, Alex Berman, filed the appeal on behalf of Marsh before the deadline to seek a judicial decision on the Board of Zoning Appeals decision in September denying a requested variance.

The BZA voted 3-1 in August to deny the requested variance. The appeal was filed Aug. 31 in Madison Circuit Court Division 3.

The Anderson livestock ordinance

prohibits the keeping of livestock in the city limits.

Marsh has been aggrieved by the decision because she will be unable to keep her miniature pigs on the property, which will cause her substantial financial loss, Berman wrote in the appeal.

Tim Stires, deputy director of the Anderson Municipal Development Department, said Monday the city won't take any action to require Marsh to remove the three miniature pigs until after the court appeals are concluded.

Stires said in September the three pigs, named Butts, Margie and Yoshi, were discovered when city workers were doing a routine inspection in Marsh's neighborhood. He said the department notified Marsh that livestock was not allowed in the city limits.

The BZA received 100 emails from across the U.S. and one from

Germany in support of Marsh's bid to keep the pigs. Marsh also presented a petition signed by 46 area residents in support of the variance.

"My three mini pigs are not livestock," Marsh said at the BZA meeting. "I have no intention of treating them as livestock."

If the variance had been granted, Marsh said she thought anyone else in a similar situation would have to go through the same procedure.

Speaking through tears, Christina Sierra said her sister is a special person and that the three mini pigs are Marsh's pets and family.

"They each have their own personality," Sierra said. "I'm having a hard time blanketing these animals as livestock. These are not farm animals."

"It breaks my heart that we have to come and defend our family like

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■ Arsenals found in killer's room, house

■ One concertgoer: 'I'm going to die'



Discarded personal items covered in blood sit at the scene of the mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip. (MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES)

From wire reports

LAS VEGAS — The motive behind the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history remained a mystery Monday night as police sought to learn more about Stephen Paddock, the apparent "lone wolf" gunman who opened

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