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- Bin Laden is killed
- Iraq war ends
- Hurricane Sandy
- Sandy Hook shootings
- Affordable Health Care Act
- Paris Attack
- San Bernardino attack
- Election of 2016
- Trump Administration

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OPERATION NEPTUNE SPEAR

Osama bin Laden, the founder and head of the Islamist group Al-Qaeda, was killed in Pakistan on May 2, 2011 by United States Navy SEALs of the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group (also known as DEVGRU or SEAL Team Six). The operation, code-named Operation Neptune Spear, was carried out in a CIA-led operation with Joint Special Operations Command, commonly known as JSOC, coordinating the Special Mission Units involved in the raid. The operation ended a nearly 10-year search for bin Laden, following his role in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.



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In addition to SEAL Team Six, participating units under JSOC included the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne)—also known as "Night Stalkers"—and operators from the CIA's Special Activities Division, which recruits heavily from former JSOC Special Mission Units.



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BIN LADEN "KILL OPERATION"

A U.S. strike team of about 15 special forces operatives, dropped by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out near the Pakistani capital Islamabad under the cover of night, shot the al Qaeda leader to death on Sunday

1 The U.S. strike team was based in Afghanistan and carried by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out in Pakistan

2 Aircraft – three or four, according to different reports - attacked the compound and dropped a team composed of U.S. Navy SEALs and forensic specialists

3 A MH-60 Black Hawk chopper was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade during the raid, but the pilot put the craft down safely



Team probably took off from Jalalabad or Bagram airbases

- ▶ Bin Laden was unarmed but offered "resistance"
- ▶ Bin Laden's wife, originally reported killed, was wounded by a shot in the leg

4 Commandos cleared the building where one family lived, while another team entered the first floor of bin Laden's house, where another family lived

5 On the ground floor two al Qaeda couriers and a woman were killed. The commandos then found bin Laden and his family on the second and third floor



Bin Laden's body was taken to Afghanistan and later buried at sea

Sources: Reuters, media reports, U.S. officials

REUTERS

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Nation Sets Its Sights on Building Sane Economy

True Cost Tax, Salary Caps, Trust-Busting Top List

By T. VEBLEN

The President has called for swift passage of the Safeguards for a New Economy (S.A.N.E.) bill. The omnibus economic package includes a federal maximum wage, mandatory "True Cost Accounting," a phased withdrawal from complex financial instruments, and other measures intended to improve life for ordinary Americans. (See highlights box on Page A10.) He also repeated earlier calls for passage of the "Ban on Lobbying" bill currently making its way through Congress.

Treasury Secretary Paul Krugman stressed the importance of the bill. "Markets make great servants, terrible leaders, and absurd religions," said Krugman, quoting Paul Hawken, an advocate of corporate responsibility and author of "Blessed Unrest, How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming."

"At this point, the market is our

leader and our religion. No wonder the median standard of living has been declining so much for so long."

Krugman said that the new Treasury bill seeks to ensure the prosperity of all citizens, rather than simply supporting large corporations and the wealthy. "The market is supposed to serve us. Unfortunately, we have ended up serving the market. That's very bad."

Much as Roosevelt, after the Great Depression, put the brakes on C.E.O. wages and irresponsible banking practices, administration officials claim that today we need to rein in the industry that has caused such chaos and misery.

"The building blocks of post-World War II American middle-class prosperity have all been swept away," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who initially op-

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Maximum Wage Law Succeeds

Salary Caps Will Help Stabilize Economy

By J.K. MALONE

TREASURY ANNOUNCES "TRUE COST" TAX PLAN

By MARCUS S. DRIGGS

IRAQ WAR ENDS



U.S. Army helicopters begin moving troops and equipment from Saddam Hussein's former Baghdad palace.

Troops to Return Immediately

By JUDE SHINBIN

WASHINGTON — Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom were brought to an unceremonious close today with a quiet announcement by the Department of Defense that troops would be home within weeks.

"This is the best face we can put on the most unfortunate adventure in modern American history," Defense spokesman Kevin Sites said at a special joint session of Congress. "Today, we can finally enjoy peace — not the peace of the brave, perhaps, but at least peace."

As U.S. and coalition troops withdraw from Iraq and Afghanistan, the United Nations will move in to perform peacekeeping duties and aid in rebuilding. The U.N. will be responsible for keeping the two countries stable; coordinating the rebuilding of hospitals, schools, highways, and other infrastructure; and overseeing upcoming elections.

The Department of the Treasury confirmed that all U.N. dues owed by the U.S. were paid as of this morning, and that moneys previously earmarked for the war would be sent directly to the U.N.'s Iraq Oversight Body.

The president noted that the Iraq War had resulted in the burn-

Recruiters Train for New Life
As a ban is imposed on recruiting minors, ex-recruiters nationwide look for new work. The Times follows one on his job-hunt odyssey through Manhattan and surrounding areas.

By BARRY GLOAD, PAGE A12



USA Patriot Act Repealed
Eight years later, a shamefaced Congress quietly repeals the much-maligned USA Patriot Act, unanimously... or almost.

By SYBIL LUDINGTON, PAGE A8

Evangelicals Open Homes to Refugees

Up to a million Iraqi exiles — nearly half of the total — will find sanctuary in Christian homes across the U.S., vows the National Association of Evangelicals. Other denominations are expected to follow.

Ex-Secretary Apologizes for W.M.D. Scare

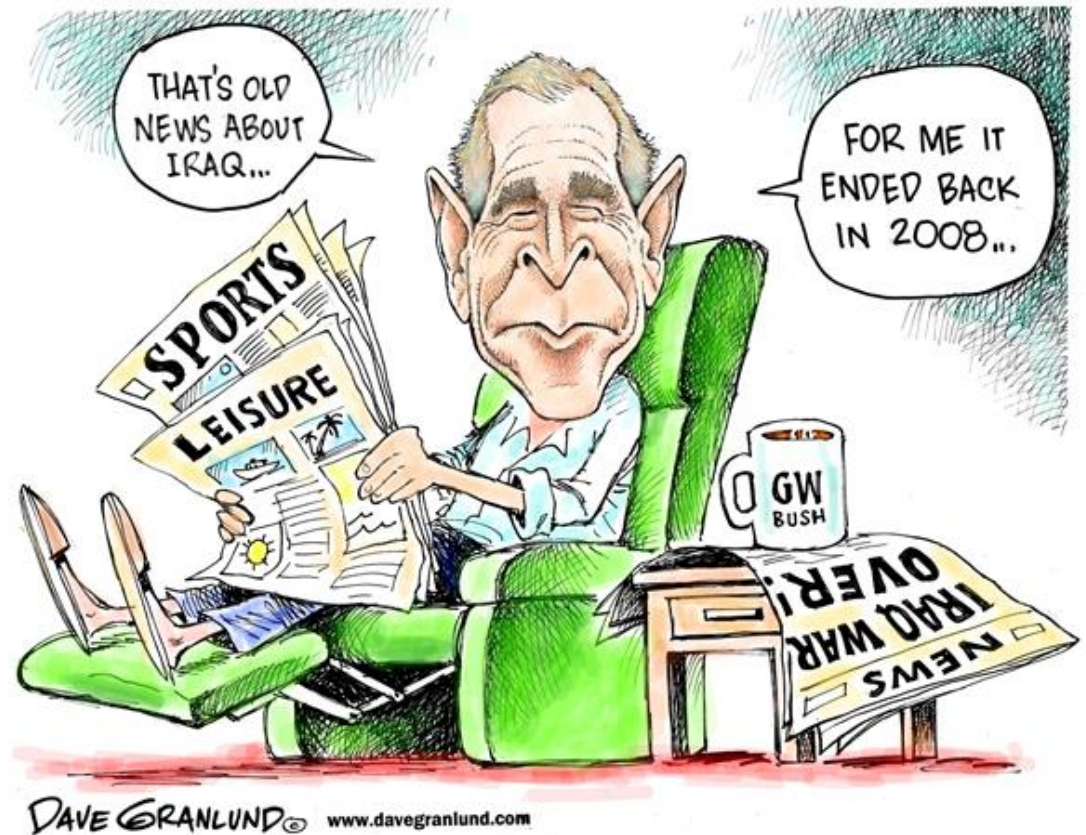
300,000 Troops Never Faced Risk of Instant Obliteration

By FRANK LARIMORE

Ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice reassured soldiers that the Bush Administration had known well before the invasion that Sadd-

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In 2002 the new U.S. president, George W. Bush, argued that the vulnerability of the United States following the September 11 attacks of 2001, combined with Iraq's alleged continued possession and manufacture of weapons of mass destruction (an accusation that was later proved erroneous) and its support for terrorist groups—which, according to the Bush administration, included al-Qaeda, the perpetrators of the September 11 attacks—made disarming Iraq a renewed priority.



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Iraq War, also called Second Persian Gulf War, (2003–11), conflict in Iraq that consisted of two phases. The first of these was a brief, conventionally fought war in March–April 2003, in which a combined force of troops from the United States and Great Britain (with smaller contingents from several other countries) invaded Iraq and rapidly defeated Iraqi military and paramilitary forces. It was followed by a longer second phase in which a U.S.-led occupation of Iraq was opposed by an insurgency. After violence began to decline in 2007, the United States gradually reduced its military presence in Iraq, formally completing its withdrawal in December 2011.



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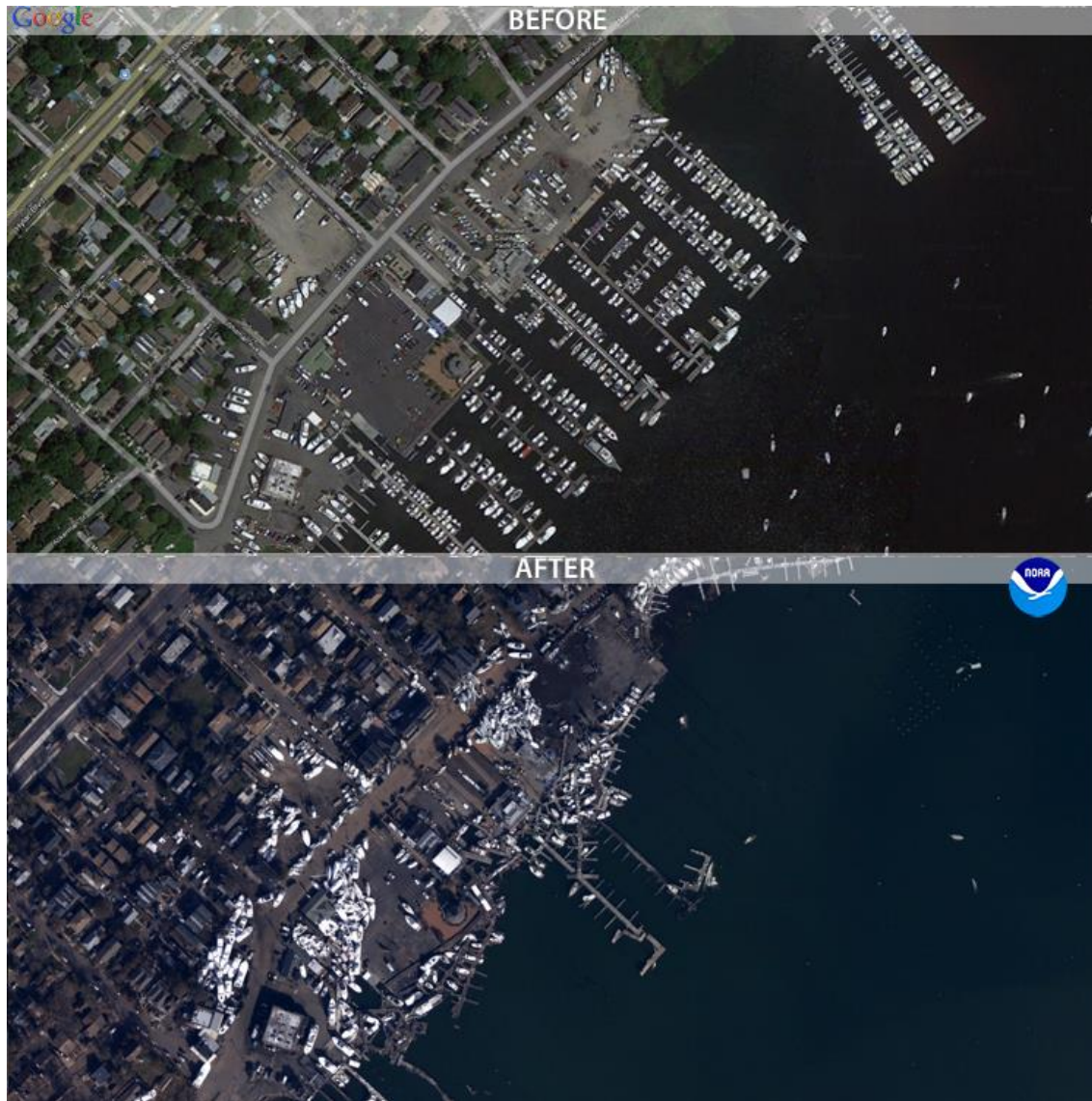


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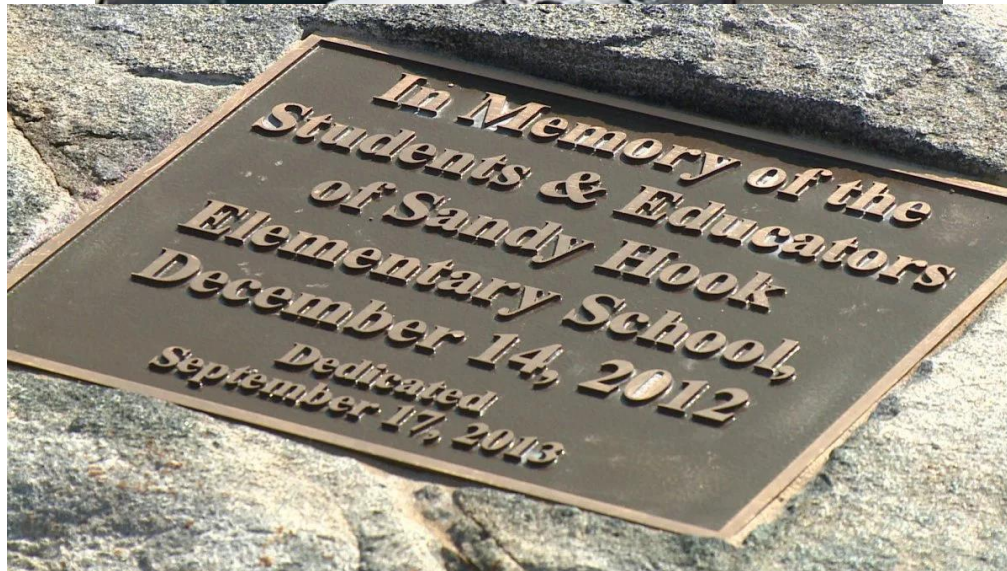
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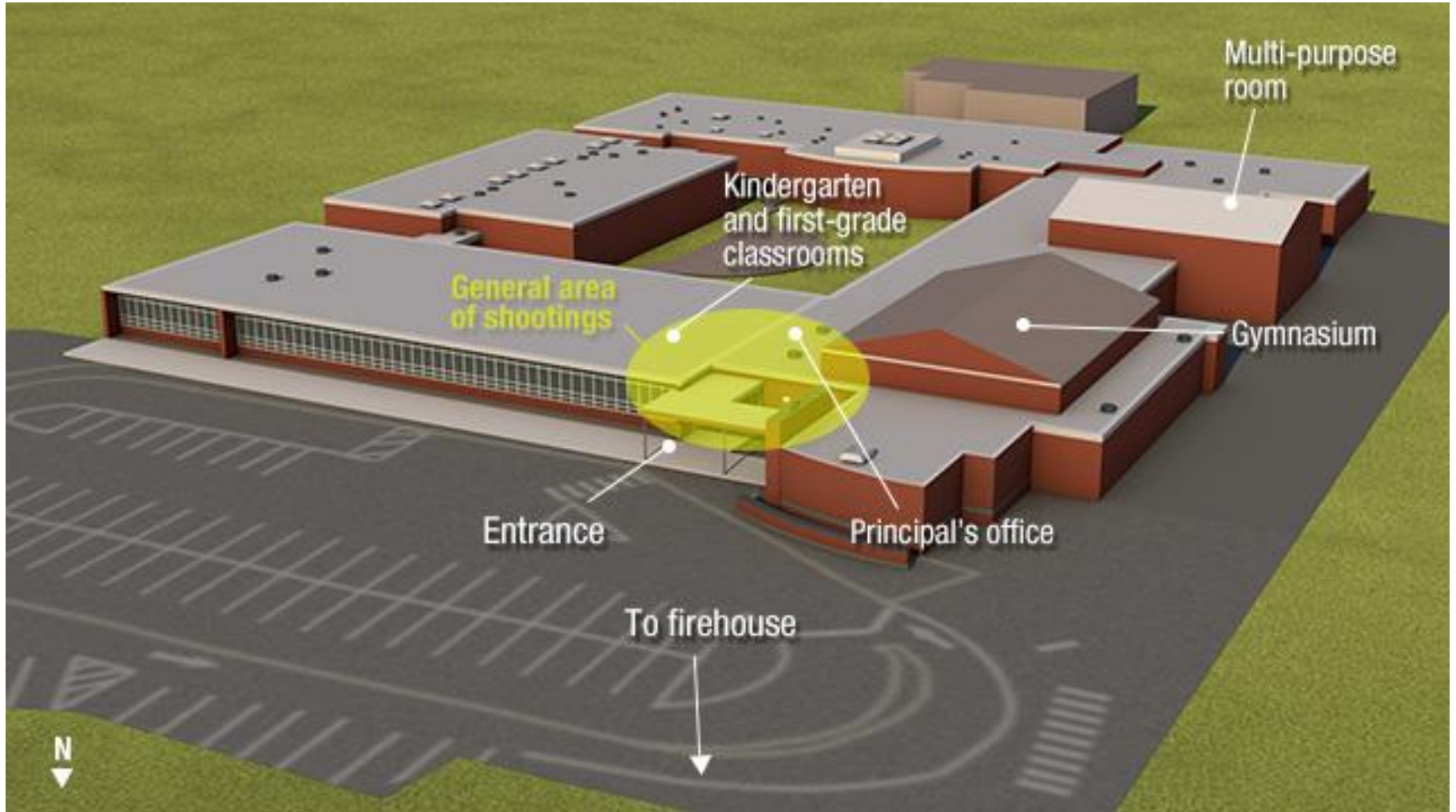
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The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting occurred on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, when 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 children between six and seven years old, as well as six adult staff members. Prior to driving to the school, he shot and killed his mother at their Newtown home. As first responders arrived at the scene, Lanza committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

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Affordable Health Care Act 2010

Passed by the 111th Congress, in which Democrats held a majority, and signed into law by President Obama on March 23rd 2010. As with all federal acts, the theory was a noble one but in practice it contained major flaws.

The major idea behind the AHAC was to provide health insurance to ALL Americans. Again great idea, but still needs major fixing.

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AHCA Main Points

- Requires insurance plans to cover people with pre-existing health conditions, including pregnancy, without charging more
- Provides free preventive care
- Gives young adults more coverage options
- Ends lifetime and yearly dollar limits on coverage of essential health benefits
- Helps you understand the coverage you're getting
- Holds insurance companies accountable for rate increases
- Makes it illegal for health insurance companies to cancel your health insurance just because you get sick
- Protects your choice of doctors
- Protects you from employer retaliation

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Paris Attack of 2015

The attacks in Paris on the night of Friday 13 November by gunmen and suicide bombers hit a concert hall, a major stadium, restaurants and bars, almost simultaneously - and left 130 people dead and hundreds wounded.



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The attacks were described by President Francois Hollande as an "act of war" organized by the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

Shootings and bomb blasts left 130 people dead and hundreds wounded, with more than 100 in a critical condition.

"Three coordinated teams" were believed to have been behind the attacks, according to Paris chief prosecutor Francois Molins.

In the days immediately after the attacks, French police carried out hundreds of raids across the country, as the search for suspects continued. Raids also took place in the Belgian city of Brussels

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9:20 p.m. Friday: Stade de France

The first explosion occurs outside Stade de France near entrance D about 9:20 p.m. as France plays Germany in a soccer match.

Moments later, a second explosion echoes inside the stadium.

Each blast is executed by a suicide bomber. Both wear similar explosive belts with batteries, bolts and buttons. Both blasts happen on the same street, Rue Rimet.

French President Francois Hollande is in the stadium watching the game. He is safely evacuated.

As the game is being broadcast, viewers can hear distant explosions as players pass the ball on the pitch.

Four people are killed outside the venue, in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis.

One of those four killed is a man who walked by one of the suicide bombers.

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9:25 p.m.: Two restaurants

Armed with Kalashnikov-style assault rifles, gunmen arrive in a black auto to the scene at the corner of Rue Alibert and Rue Bichat in Paris' 10th district.

The masked attackers kill 15 people at the restaurants Le Carillon and Le Petit Cambodge. Ten more people are seriously wounded.

About 100 shell casings are discovered at the scene.

9:30 p.m.: Stade de France again

The second explosion occurs at the stadium, near entrance H.



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AK-47



M-16



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Cartridge comparison between AK-47 & M-16

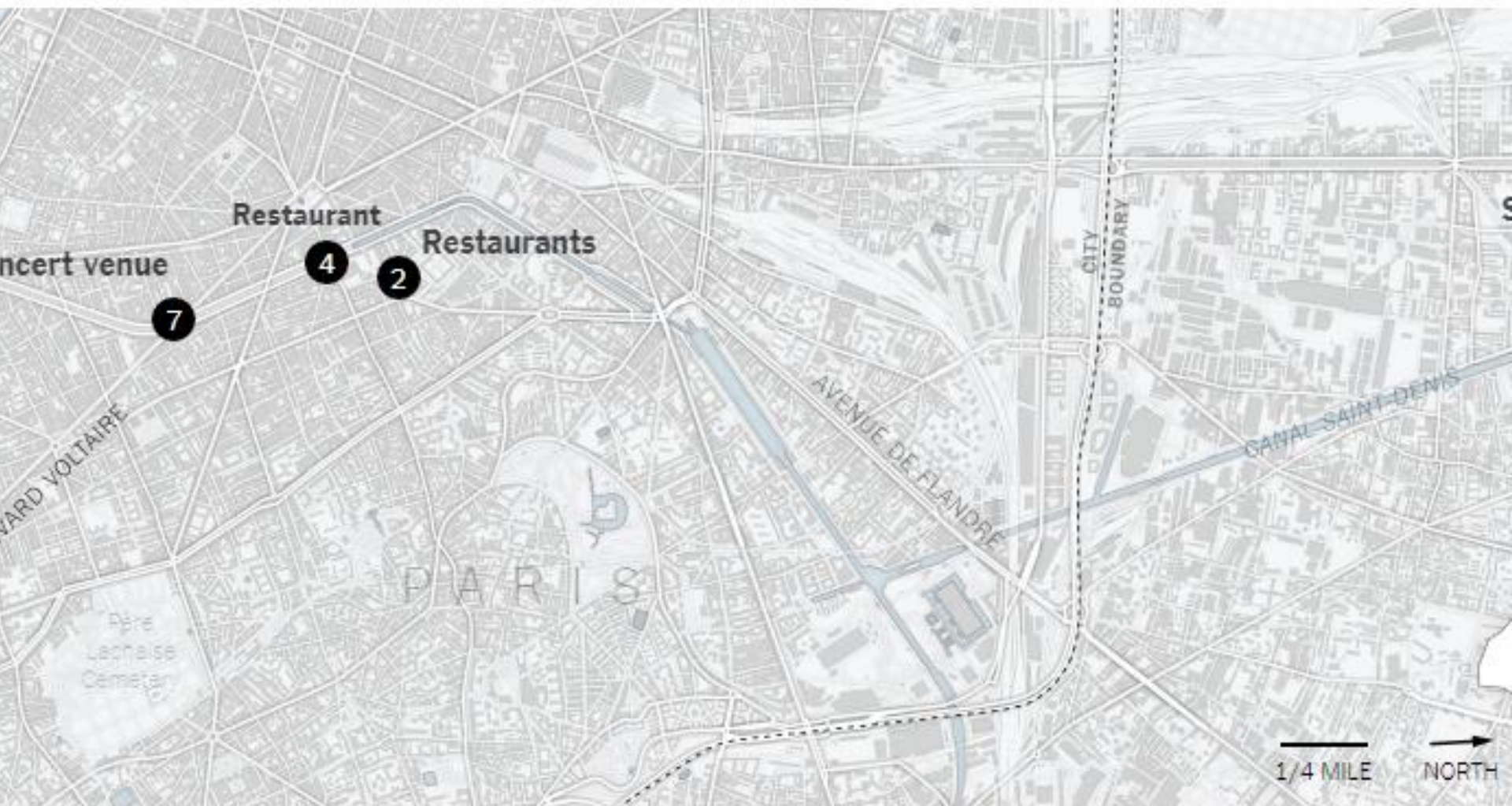
Ballistics Results - 5.56x45mm M855 12" Barrel

RANGE (YARDS)	VELOCITY (FPS)	ENERGY (FT.-LB.)	TRAJECTORY (IN)	COME UP IN MOA	WIND DRIFT (IN)	WIND DRIFT IN MOA
Muzzle	2626	949	-1.5	0	0	0
100	2342	755	0	0	0	0
200	2076	593	-4.9	2.3	0	0
300	1829	460	-17.9	5.7	0	0
400	1603	354	-41.4	9.9	0	0
500	1403	271	-78.4	15	0	0

Ballistics Results - 7.62x39mm 123 Gr. FMJ 11.5" Barrel

RANGE (YARDS)	VELOCITY (FPS)	ENERGY (FT.-LB.)	TRAJECTORY (IN)	COME UP IN MOA	WIND DRIFT (IN)	WIND DRIFT IN MOA
Muzzle	2150	1262	-1.5	0	0	0
100	1916	1003	0	0	0	0
200	1700	789	-8	3.8	0	0
300	1503	617	-28.1	9	0	0
400	1331	484	-63.7	15.2	0	0
500	1190	387	-119	22.7	0	0

Restaurants	9:30	9:32	9:36	9:40	9:40
	3 Stadium	4 Restaurant	5 Restaurant	6 Restaurant	7 Concert venue
	None killed Suicide bomb	5 killed Shooting	19 killed Shooting	None killed Suicide bomb	90 killed Shooting and suicide bombs



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San Bernardino Attack of 2015

Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, a married couple, opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino on Dec. 2.



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Fourteen people were killed and 22 injured, most of them county employees.

Both attackers were killed in a gun battle with police. Farook, who was born in the U.S. and worked for the county, and Malik, a Pakistan national, had an arsenal of ammunition and pipe bombs in their Redlands home.

Enrique Marquez, a friend of Farook, bought two of the guns used in the attack. He entered a mental health facility after the massacre.

Farook and Malik began plotting a terror attack before they were engaged and before Malik moved to the U.S. last year. Investigators are trying to determine whether they had links to foreign terror organizations.

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Presidential Election of 2016

The United States presidential election of 2016 was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. In a surprise victory, the Republican ticket of businessman Donald Trump and Indiana Governor Mike Pence defeated the Democratic ticket of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Senator from Virginia Tim Kaine. Trump took office as the 45th President, and Pence as the 48th Vice President, on January 20, 2017.

While Clinton received about 2.9 million more votes nationwide, a margin of 2.1%, Trump won 30 states with a total of 306 electors, or 57% of the 538 available. He won the three perennial swing states of Florida, Ohio, and Iowa, as well as the three "blue wall" stronghold states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin and Maine's 2nd congressional district, which had not been won by a Republican presidential candidate since the 1980s. Leading up to the election, a Trump victory was considered unlikely by almost all media forecasts. After his victory was assured, some commentators compared the election to President Harry S. Truman's victorious campaign in 1948 as one of the greatest political upsets in modern American history.

In the Electoral College vote on December 19, seven electors voted against their pledged candidates: two against Trump and five against Clinton. A further three electors attempted to vote against Clinton but were replaced or forced to vote again. Ultimately, Trump received 304 electoral votes and Clinton garnered 227,

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President Trump claimed at a White House event Thursday that his victory last November was “the biggest Electoral College win since Ronald Reagan.”

That claim is false.

In 2012, President Obama defeated his GOP rival, Mitt Romney, with 332 electoral votes. In 2008, Obama won the election against Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, with 365 electoral votes.

In 1996, President Clinton defeated Republican Bob Dole with 379 votes. In 1992, Clinton won against President George H.W. Bush, the incumbent, with 370 electoral votes.

The President then clarified himself saying that his victory was the largest Republican victory since Reagan. In 1988, Bush won the presidency with 426 votes.

Confronted with the facts by a reporter during the question-and-answer part of the event, Mr. Trump claimed that, “I was given that information...I’ve seen that information around.”

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Herbert Hoover	531	444	87	0.672
Franklin D. Roosevelt	531	472	59	0.778
Franklin D. Roosevelt	531	523	8	0.970
Franklin D. Roosevelt	531	449	82	0.691
Franklin D. Roosevelt	531	432	99	0.627
Harry S. Truman	531	303	189	0.141
Dwight D. Eisenhower	531	442	89	0.665
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John F. Kennedy	537	303	219	0.128
Lyndon B. Johnson	538	486	52	0.807
Richard Nixon	538	301	191	0.119
Richard Nixon	538	520	17	0.933
Jimmy Carter	538	297	240	0.104
Ronald Reagan	538	489	49	0.818
Ronald Reagan	538	525	13	0.952
George H. W. Bush	538	426	111	0.584
Bill Clinton	538	370	168	0.375
Bill Clinton	538	379	159	0.409
George W. Bush	538	271	266	0.009
George W. Bush	538	286	251	0.063
Barack Obama	538	365	173	0.357