

NEWTOWN SCHOOL SHOOTING | 6 PAGES OF COVERAGE

# 'OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN'

## THE HORROR



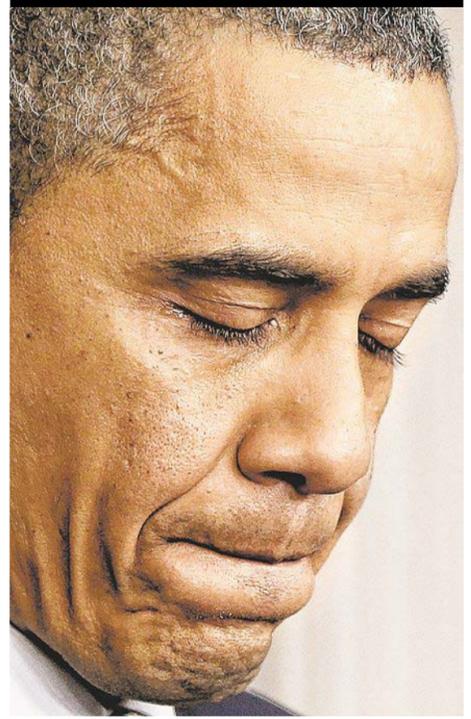
A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following the shooting in Newtown, Conn. AP

## THE GRIEF



Nicole Anderson of Gilbert hugs her son, Blake Corner, 9, at a vigil Friday. TOM TINGLE/THE REPUBLIC

## THE QUESTIONS



A tearful President Barack Obama says we must take "meaningful action" to prevent such tragedies. AP

### 20 children slaughtered in Conn. school shooting

The nation witnessed Friday an all-too-familiar scene of horror and sense of helplessness as a gunman opened fire at a Connecticut elementary school, killing 20 small children.

The deranged man also killed his mother at home and six adults at Newtown's Sandy Hook Elementary before turning a gun on himself.

Frightened teachers locked classroom doors and hid children in closets as shots echoed from the nation's second-deadliest school shooting.

### The nation struggles to comprehend tragedy

The leader of the Free World paused during remarks on the tragedy, struggled to compose himself and wiped a tear from the corner of his eye. "There's not a parent in America who doesn't feel the same overwhelming grief that I do," he said.

With that, President Barack Obama captured the mood of the nation and every parent who thought of their own children as they struggled to come to grips with senseless deaths of 20 children.

### Shooting prompts talk about gun-control laws

Again we ask ourselves, "How could this happen?"

But this time more are asking: When are we going to have a serious national conversation about gun violence? And when are we going to have a serious conversation about caring for the mentally ill?

Those questions crackled over the air waves and dominated social media on Friday.

What no one wanted to ask is: When will it happen again?

- » Gunman's mother among the victims. **A4**
- » A list of previous school shootings. **A6**
- » Father of an Aurora shooting victim reacts. **A6**

- » Mourning a faraway tragedy. **A8**
- » How to talk to your children. **A8**
- » Text of Obama's speech. **A6**

- » A new debate on gun control. **A6**
- » Montini: Please, not the children. **A10**
- » Roberts: If not now, when? **A10**



Children, their eyes closed tightly, are led from the scene of the massacre. AP



Mourners gather Friday at a Catholic church in Newtown. GETTY IMAGES

## BUSINESS

**Season for bargains:** Despite a strong start at Thanksgiving, holiday shopping has dropped off, which could lead to retailers offering deeper discounts to entice consumers. **D1**

## VALLEY & STATE

**Gun-sting lawsuit:** Saying the botched Operation Fast and Furious put law-enforcement officers at risk, the family of slain Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry is suing several officials in the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, as well as a federal prosecutor and the owner of a gun store. **B1**



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