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28 DEAD: Gunman fatally shoots 27, including 20 children, then kills himself
'MUST END': Deaths reignite gun debate; Obama calls for 'meaningful action'



SHANNON HICKS/NEWTOWN BEE VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer leads two women and a child away from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where a gunman opened fire on Friday, killing 26 people, including 20 children. The suspect, Adam Lanza, 20, also killed his mother at their home, police said.

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters covered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

The rampage was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that claimed 33 lives in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to have suffered from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, a prosperous New England community of about 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City. Police told youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-grade school to close their eyes as they were led from the building so that they wouldn't see the blood and broken glass.

Schoolchildren — some crying,

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Unspeakable: Parents look for ways to talk to kids about tragedy

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It's lunchtime and Janet Hoffman's 11-year-old son comes home in a few hours. The San Jose mom is pacing around, not sure how she plans to tell her son that 26 people, most of them young children, were shot to death Friday in a Connecticut elementary school massacre.

"I don't want him to be in fear of going to school himself," Hoffman said. "I'm going to ask him what his feelings are to see where his head is at. I mean you can't lie to him, right? And say something like that could never happen at his school?"

... I don't know. I really don't know. Maybe tell him that there's just some evil in this world that you can't explain."

All around the Bay Area, parents and educators fretted over how to broach the horrific subject with children. There are no right or wrong ways to talk trauma with youngsters, but children 7 and younger require special care to make them feel safe, said Barbara McClung, Oakland Unified School District's coordinator of behavioral health initiatives. "If they haven't

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ADREES LATIF/REUTERS

The families of victims grieve near the elementary school Friday. The massacre rocked the small, prosperous community about 60 miles north of New York City.

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MODERN MAKEOVER TRASHED

UC's new logo a no-go

University pulls the plug after barrage of criticism

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The University of California is yanking its new logo after an intense backlash against the design, which some compared to, well, a flushing toilet.

News of the logo's death spread quickly Friday on social media, as critics celebrated with "huzzahs" and an array of snarky remarks.

"Power of the people! ... I applaud UC for listening and pulling logo," tweeted Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who had stepped into the fray and urged UC to

scrap the new look.

As of Friday morning, a petition to get rid of the logo had more than 54,360 supporters, less than a week after the shield-shaped "U" with a smaller "C" inside it took a beating in newspapers across the country.

University officials introduced the new design to give the vaunted UC system a more modern look, but in announcing its demise Friday, they insisted its purpose was solely misunderstood.

"The controversy has been fueled in large part by an unfortunate and false narrative, which framed the matter as

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After a barrage of criticism and a petition with more than 53,000 supporters, the University of California dumped its new logo, above, to the approval of many.

CALIFORNIANS AGES 18-24

Study reveals rise in rate of young adult smokers

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California has made significant progress with its anti-smoking campaigns, but one group has been particularly tough to reach: 18- to 24-year-olds.

They have the highest smoking prevalence of any age group, and their smoking rate has gone up despite widespread attempts to educate them about the dangers of tobacco use.

Smoking rates among young adults rose from 12.3

percent in 2010 to 14.6 percent in 2011, a new state study reveals.

People in this age group often leave home and are on their own for the first time and willing to experiment, said Colleen Stevens, branch chief for the state's tobacco control program.

"This is really a vulnerable age," she said.

And while getting started is easy, quitting is not. That's what Cal State East Bay stu-

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