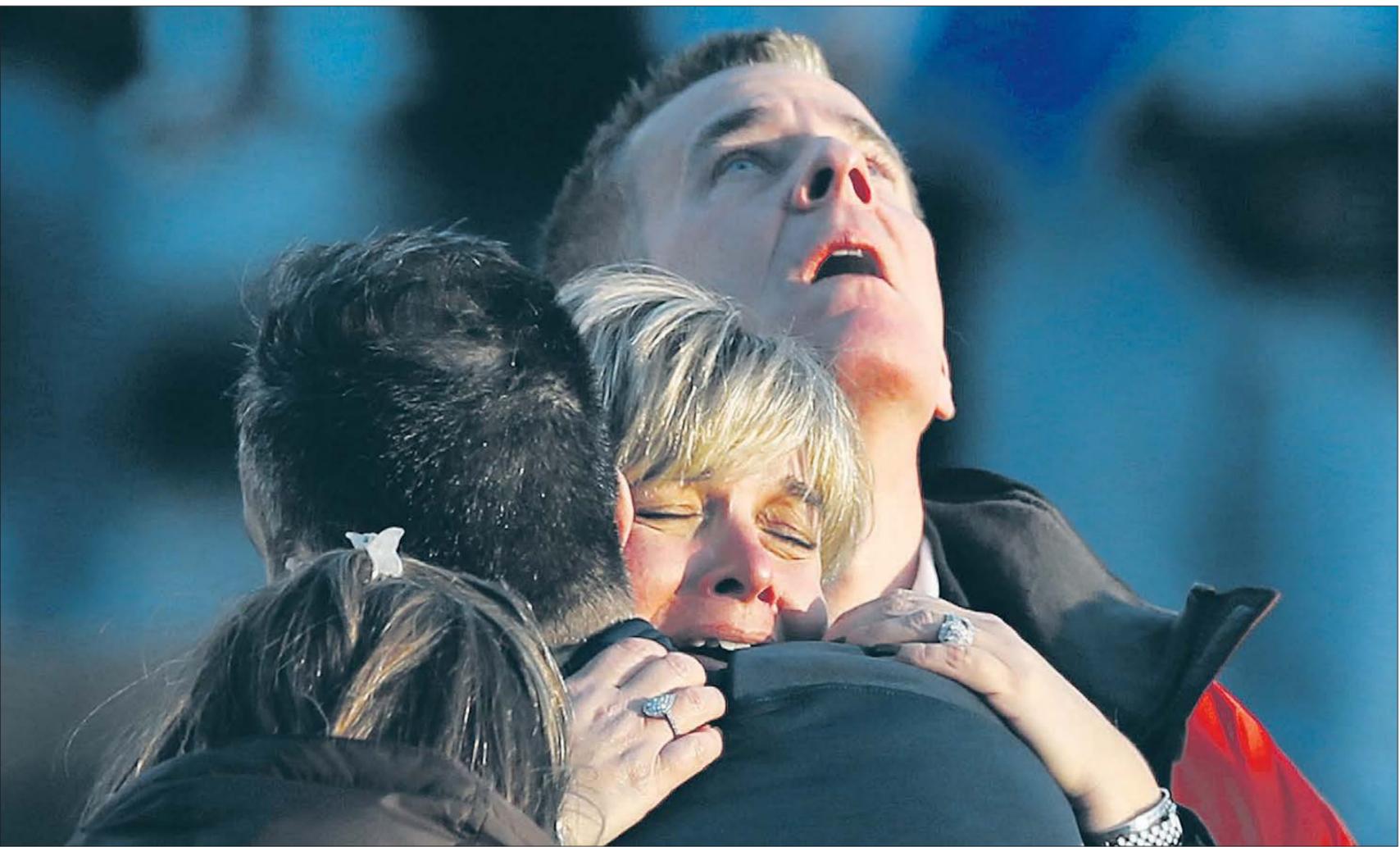


## CONNECTICUT SCHOOL MASSACRE

# 'OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN'

### 20 CHILDREN, 7 ADULTS SLAIN IN RAMPAGE BY LONE GUNMAN



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The families of victims grieve Friday near Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where a gunman opened fire on schoolchildren and staff, killing 26.

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**JULY 20:** 12 people killed when a gunman enters an Aurora, Colo., movie theater. Suspect arrested.

**NOV. 5, 2009:** 13 soldiers and civilians killed at Fort Hood, Texas. Army major arrested.

**April 3, 2009:** 11 killed at immigrant center in Binghamton, N.Y. Gunman killed himself.

**April 16, 2007:** 32 killed at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Gunman killed himself.

**April 20, 1999:** 12 students and a teacher killed at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. The gunmen, two students, killed themselves.

**Oct. 16, 1991:** 23 killed in Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas. Gunman killed himself.

**July 18, 1984:** 21 killed in McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro. Police kill gunman.

**Aug. 1, 1966:** 16 killed when student opened fire from clock tower at the University of Texas at Austin. Police kill gunman.



SHANNON HICKS / Newtown Bee

Connecticut state police lead children from Sandy Hook Elementary on Friday after the mass shooting. Police urged the students to close their eyes so they wouldn't see the blood and broken glass.

## Shooter left few footprints in life

By DAVID M. HALBFINGER  
NEW YORK TIMES

He carried a black briefcase to his 10th-grade honors English class and sat near the door, so he could readily slip in and out. When called upon, he was intelligent, but nervous and fidgety, spitting his words out, as if having to speak up were painful.

Pale, tall and scrawny, Adam Lanza walked through high school in Newtown, Conn., with his hands glued to his sides, the pens in the pocket of his short-sleeve, button-down shirts among the few things that his classmates recalled about him.

He did all he could to avoid attention, it

seemed.

Until Friday. The authorities said Lanza, 20, wearing combat gear, carried out one of the deadliest school shootings in the nation's history. He killed 20 children and six adults at the elementary school where his mother worked, they said. He then apparently turned his gun on himself. Earlier, the police said, he also killed his mother.

In his brief adulthood, Lanza had left few footprints, electronic or otherwise. He apparently had no Facebook page, unlike his older brother, Ryan, a Hoboken, N.J., resident who for several hours on Friday was misidentified in news reports as the

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## 20-year-old man kills mom, a teacher, at home before shooting spree at school

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN  
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NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside an elementary school, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters cowered 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, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, 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. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings. "As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder

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