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# UNSPPEAKABLE HORROR

## Gunman kills 26 at Conn. school, commits suicide

By John Christoffersen  
Associated Press

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 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, 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, saying,

See RAMPAGE, 8A



Associated Press

A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, on Friday following a shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., about 60 miles northeast of New York City. 28 people died, including 20 children. The gunman committed suicide. It was the worst primary school shooting in the country's history. **Below:** In this photo provided by the Newtown Bee, a police officer leads two women and a child from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

### INSIDE

BVSD forgoes a lockdown, contacting parents via letters

Amid this kind of tragedy, parents face challenge of explaining events to their children

One of many: Shootings seem all too prevalent across the nation and around the world. At a glance, a list of the most recent

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## Past shooting victims unite in urging action

By Jennifer Brown and Colleen O'Connor  
The Denver Post

Two days after Gov. John Hickenlooper said "the time is right" to talk about gun control, a nightmarish mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school elevated the debate to a new height.

Survivors and families of vic-

tims of the tragedies at Columbine High and an Aurora movie theater were building a coalition to push for stricter gun laws even before Friday's massacre of schoolchildren, holding a conference call earlier this week. The latest tragedy, three days after a shooting at a mall in Portland, Ore., intensified

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### LEADERS SPEAK OUT

"Evil visited this community today and it's too early to speak of recovery, but each parent, each sibling, each member of the family has to understand that Connecticut — we're all in this together. We'll do whatever we can to overcome this event."



Conn. Gov. Dannel Malloy

"Our hearts are broken today. ... As a country, we have been through this too many times."



Pres. Barack Obama

## Oil and gas regulations It's Legislature's turn

### County calls on leaders to address concerns

By John Fryar  
Longmont Times-Call

When the Colorado Legislature convenes in January, Boulder County will support pro-

posals for state laws that recognize, preserve and expand local governments' authority to regulate the oil and gas industry's land-use activities.

That's one of the policy priorities the Board of County Commissioners will be pursuing during the Colorado General As-

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Elizabeth Allen, of Boulder, wears a "No Friggin' Frackin'" sign while waiting for the meeting to begin, Thursday at the Boulder County Courthouse.

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