



## CENTRAL FALLS

Trojans survive furious comeback attempt by Bearcats, **1B**

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

Police are looking for this suspect in a series of assaults on women near Ball State campus, **4A**



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# 'OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN'



Connecticut State Police lead children from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after a shooting there Friday. SHANNON HICKS, NEWTOWN BEE/AP

## Gunman kills 26, including 20 children, himself at Conn. school; 1 found dead elsewhere

By John Christoffersen  
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man opened fire Friday inside two classrooms at the Connecticut elementary school where his mother was a teacher, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying two handguns, committed suicide at the school, and another person was found dead at a second scene, bringing the toll to 28, authorities said.

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

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 left 33 people dead in 2007.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary School in New-



A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., about 60 miles northeast of New York City on Friday. JESSICA HILL/AP

town, a prosperous community of about 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City.

Youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-grade school were told to close their eyes by police as they were led from the building.

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## After tragedy in Conn., have we finally had enough?



MIKE LOPRESTI

It was so painful, you could not watch. It was so heartbreaking, you could not listen. The president wiped away tears, but what parent didn't, as we stared at the television screen and saw the looks on the faces of the children who got away?

On Friday, we went to an awful place even this blood-soaked society has never been. And what you wonder is how we ever find our way back. When enough will finally be enough, or if we are too far gone to know.

It was all there again; senseless carnage in a culture that lives and dies with violence. A culture that is entertained by it,

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# Spirited senior has intruders on the run

By Douglas Walker  
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MUNCIE — Two masked intruders, both armed with knives, picked the wrong senior citizen to tangle with this week.

Hazel R. Poole, 85, was playing with her puppy, Holly, in her westside mobile home about 8:30 p.m. Monday when she responded to knocking at her front door, and encountered two men wearing ski masks.

"They just came in," Poole said during an interview Friday afternoon.

One of the intruders "has a knife at his waist, holding it out," Poole recalled, "and he says, 'Don't



## IN HER OWN WORDS

» Watch a video interview with Hazel Poole at [www.thestarpress.com](http://www.thestarpress.com).

you say a word. Shut up!' I hadn't even said anything."

With that, the octogenarian made a dash for her bedroom — and her .38-caliber handgun.

"He was coming after me," she said. "The gun was on the night stand. I grabbed it, took off the safety with my thumb."

With her life possibly hanging in the balance,

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Hazel Poole, 85, stands in front of a portrait of her husband Friday afternoon. Poole said she and her husband were accomplished trap shooters.

JORDAN KARTHOLL/THE STAR PRESS

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