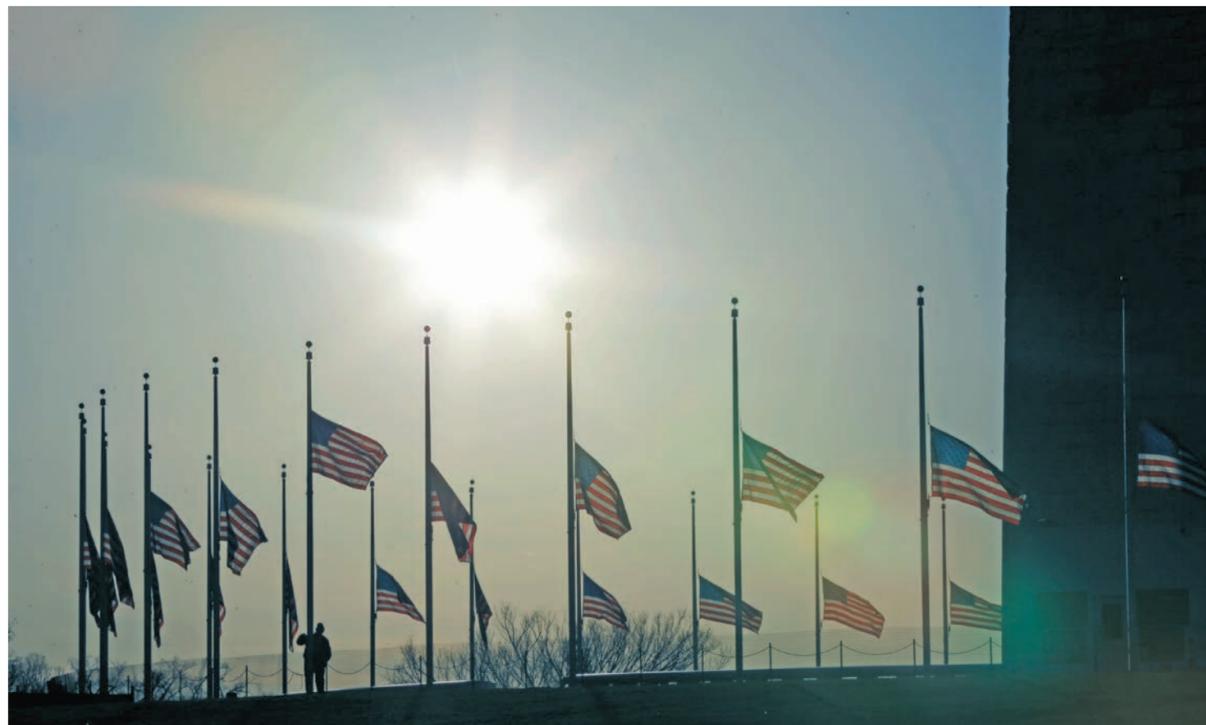




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American flags surrounding the Washington Monument in Washington are lowered to half-staff on Friday in a mark of respect for the victims of the Connecticut elementary school shootings.

## TEEN DRIVER CHARGED

# Account of texting withheld

By TONY REAVES  
STAFF WRITER

PARIS — A key piece of state's evidence against a teenage driver charged with manslaughter won't be admissible in court.

In a decision filed this week, active retired Justice Robert W. Clifford partially granted a motion to suppress statements made by Kristina Lowe, 19, of West Paris, to Maine State Police while she was in the hospital recovering from crash-related injuries.

Lowe was charged with manslaughter in the deaths of Rebecca Mason, 16, of West Paris and Logan Dam, 19, of Norway, in January. Lowe also faces two charges of operating under the influence, causing death, and one count of aggravated leaving the scene of an accident. In June, she pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to police, Lowe and her friends were returning to an underage drinking party in West Paris when the crash occurred around midnight Jan. 6. Another passenger, Jacob Skaff of Paris, also was injured.

Early in the morning after the crash, Lowe was at Maine Medical Center in Portland when she spoke with a Maine State Police trooper.



Lowe

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# GUNMAN KILLS KIDS



Associated Press  
A victim's family members leave a firehouse staging area following a shooting at the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Conn., where authorities say a gunman opened fire on Friday, leaving 27 people dead.

## 20-YEAR-OLD OPENS FIRE AT CONN. SCHOOL

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 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 per-

*"Our hearts are broken today."*

President Barack Obama

sonality 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, others looking frightened — were escorted through a parking lot in a line, hands on each other's shoulders.

Law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity said that Lanza killed his mother, Nancy Lanza,

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## Food bank leader feels pressure

By DANIEL HARTILL  
STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — When Kristen Miale accepted the job 10 weeks ago of leading the Good Shepherd Food-Bank, the Auburn-based charity was entering its busy period.

It's a \$2 million season. Sixty percent of the agency's personal and corporate donations for the year come in during the final three months of the year. It's also the costliest time of the year, when food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens across Maine feel the severest demands.

"I looked up and realized, 'We're about to enter the busiest time of the year,'" said Miale, who began work in late September. "Talk about getting thrown to the wolves."

So far, the petite, fast-talking leader is thriving.

Donations appear to be up significantly, by about 15 percent, over last year. Miale survived a big change in the food bank's Thanksgiving policy, supplying the fixings

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## Saddleback up for sale

STAFF REPORT

RANGELEY — If you know someone who might like a ski resort for Christmas, now is the time to act.

After 10 years and \$40 million worth of upgrades, the Berry family is ready to sell the popular resort. The asking price: \$12 million for 400 acres that includes the ski trails and lifts, the base lodge and most of the surrounding 121 condominium units.

The property was listed with a Portland broker a month ago. The Berrys said they will consider whether to take on a partner or

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## Wishes unfulfilled: Names still on tree

By LINDSAY TICE  
STAFF WRITER

A 12-year-old girl wants books. A 4-year-old boy wants cars, trucks and anything with Sponge-Bob SquarePants on it. An 8-year-old boy needs clothes.

Their tags still hung Friday on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree at the Auburn Mall, along with about 150 others — for local children who may not have presents this Christmas

without a stranger's help. A week and a half before Christmas, that help hadn't yet come.

"It's a little slower than we've seen before," said Lt. Jason Brake, who with his wife heads the Lewiston-Auburn Salvation Army. "I'm trying to have faith that it's going to be OK."

The local Salvation Army has agreed to help 1,200 children from 456 families this Christmas. All are 12 or

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Lt. Jason Brake of the Salvation Army picks up presents under the Salvation Army's Angel Tree at the Auburn Mall on Friday. The gifts, which have been slow to come in this year, will be delivered to needy children.

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