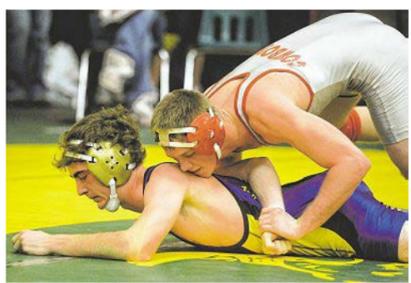


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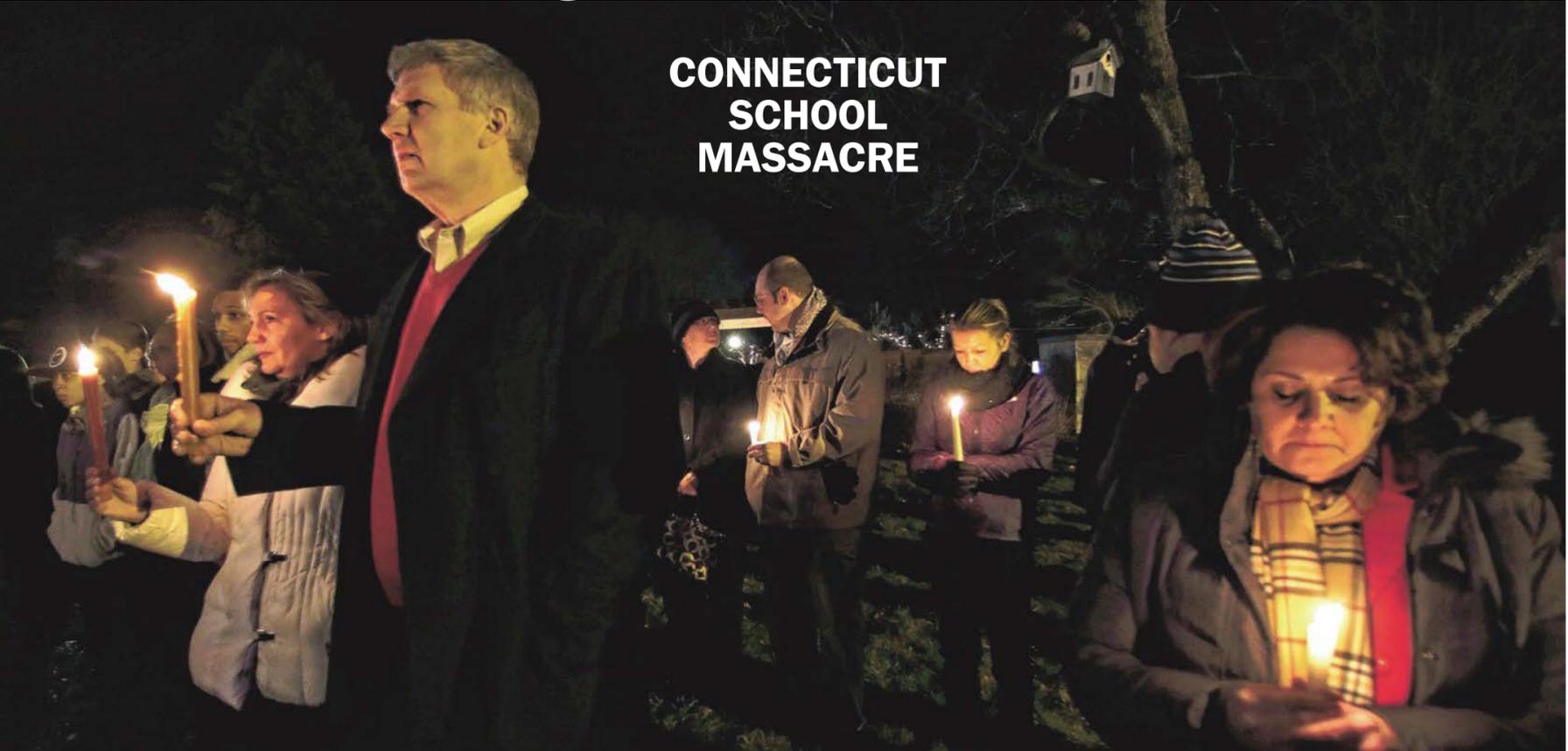
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**'OUR HEARTS  
ARE BROKEN'**

» 20 young children among 27 dead in spree  
» Dead gunman killed mother before attack

**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 at the sound of gunshots.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death 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.

**Victim at second scene**

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

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

Local officials: Safety can't be 'taken for granted'

**By Kristen Cates**  
Tribune Staff Writer

As police and officials in Connecticut are sorting the details of the shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, local school and law enforcement officials are reeling.

"I just can't imagine this," said Great Falls police Detective Cory Reeves, a school resource officer assigned to Great Falls High. "This is an SRO's worst nightmare. And this is the reason we are in the schools."



Reeves

Reeves said the police department does yearly training with all school personnel — everyone from principals to substitute teachers and cooks — on how to respond in an emergency such as this. In Great Falls, it's called the safe and secure schools policy.

There are four SROs assigned to East Middle School, North Middle School, Great Falls High and

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