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Lone heir to inherit a golden fortune

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Carson City officials say a substitute teacher from California is the only heir to a fortune of gold coins found in the home of reclusive cousin who died in June. Genealogical researchers hired to find Walter Samaszko Jr.'s relatives determined Arlene Magdon is the only living heir to what appraisers say is an estate worth more than \$7.4 million.

The Nevada Appeal reports a court hearing is scheduled Tuesday in Carson City, when a judge is expected to certify Magdon as the lone heir.

The 69-year-old Samaszko lived in Nevada's capital city since the late 1960s.

His body was found at his home in late June, and a cleaning crew found gold coins and bullion in the garage. There was enough gold to fill two wheel barrels.

— The Associated Press

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CONNECTICUT SCHOOL MASSACRE



'Our hearts are broken'

Son of teacher slays mother, then kills 26 at school



Paramedics and others rush toward Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
The Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, 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 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 left 33 people dead in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama 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 on two classrooms. The gunman, identified as Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, according to 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

SHANNON HICKS/NEWTOWN BEE VIA AP

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At left, a woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following the shooting.

At right, heavily armed Connecticut State troopers are on the scene at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where authorities say a gunman opened fire, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, on Friday.

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Brevard leaders focus on water needs of future

By GARY GLANCY
Times-News correspondent

Brevard officials have begun studying the possibility of tapping into a new water source and building another water treatment plant down the road should the city experience significant future growth.

The city now serves its 1-million-gallon-a-day water demands from an intake and 32-year-old treatment plant on Cathey's Creek, southwest of town between Brevard and Rosman, with a daily capacity of 2.5 million gallons.

That kind of volume would fall way short of the possible 5 million gallons needed if Brevard were to see build-out growth within its current geographical boundaries and land-use ordinance, according to city officials.

"We've got a water plant that we need to tend to as far as doing some maintenance work on it anyway; we also have a watershed that's limited in the amount of water that it can provide," City Manager Joe Moore said.

While the Cathey's Creek plant

"has always made good, finished water and still does and will continue to do so," City Engineer Jay Johnston said, last month the city began a renovation project there to "restore and revitalize its usefulness," prompting city staff to begin looking toward the future.

"Which," Moore said, "is about not only what kind of industry that we're trying to attract, but what kind of city are we going to become? So, since we have to tend to some water issues anyway, let's have this discussion related to a

comprehensive plan."

While still in the "very earliest of the planning stages," Johnston said he and his staff have begun compiling their own data to determine a possible future water intake location, and they are using a spot at the confluence of the Davidson and French Broad rivers to calculate available water flow.

Johnston said a water treatment plant would not necessarily have to be in the same place as an intake

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