

# 'Our hearts are broken'

Gunman kills 27 — 20 of them children — in Connecticut school shooting, the second-deadliest massacre in U.S. history.

By MARC FISHER, STEVE VOGEL and STEVE HENDRIX  
The Washington Post

**N**EWTON, Conn. — This time, the shooter killed 27 people, including his elementary-school-teacher mother, her principal and 20 children, most of them kindergartners. Then the shooter killed himself.

Friday morning's massacre in Newtown, Conn. — the second-deadliest shooting event in U.S. history — took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School, where more than 600 children from kindergarten through fourth grade spend their days. About 9:30 a.m., the day was interrupted by a burst of sound on the school intercom: screams.

That was enough for some teachers to move their students away from doors and windows. In one room, a teacher locked her students in a closet, a move parents said saved their children's lives. In another class, a teacher heard two blasts and ordered students into a corner.

Jessica Eisele, a fourth-grader at Sandy Hook, was in the gym when the shooting began. "On the loudspeaker, there was screaming and crying, and she heard gunshots and then silence," said her brother Nick, 15.

A janitor ran through the halls, shouting that a gunman was in the building. Witnesses heard dozens



A young girl is comforted following a shooting Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., about 60 miles northeast of New York City. An official said 27 people were dead, including 20 children.

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## Suspect was honors student

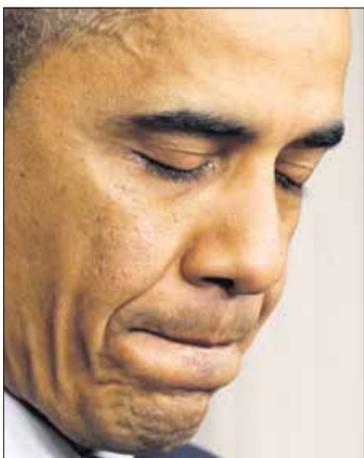
20-year-old may have suffered from a personality disorder.

By JASON KEYSER and PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

**W**ASHINGTON — He was an honors student who lived in a prosperous neighborhood with his mother, a well-liked woman who enjoyed hosting dice games and decorating the house for the holidays.

Now, Adam Lanza is suspected of killing his mother and then gunning down more than two dozen people, 20 of them children, at

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President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks about the school shooting Friday in the briefing room of the White House in Washington.



A young girl cries after the shootings Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. After an intercom was turned on, allowing the school to hear the shootings, teachers rushed children to safety until help arrived.

## LPS reaches out to parents

Police increase security at schools on day of mass shooting.

By MARGARET REIST  
Lincoln Journal Star

**P**olice increased patrols around Lincoln schools Friday afternoon to reassure parents, and school officials planned to send an electronic message to families in the wake of the mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school.

Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent Steve Joel said as soon as administrators found out about the shooting, they

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