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In this photo provided by the Newtown Bee, Connecticut State Police lead children from the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Friday.

All share grief, shock in old-line, quiet town

BY CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

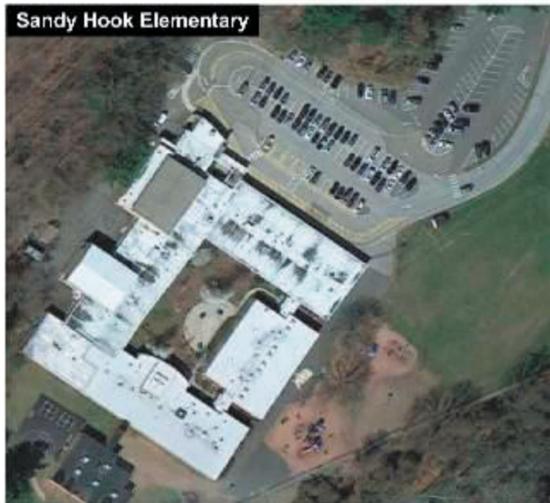
NEWTOWN, Conn. — At the crossroads that marks the center of this three-century-old New England postcard town stands a flagpole that's a kind of barometer. Every day, says Susan Osborne White, who has lived here all her life, "it tells me which way the wind is blowing" — and she calls the local newspaper whenever the flag is lowered to half-staff, to ask why.

No one is asking that now as the flag forlonly hangs over a heartbroken, uncomprehending town.

Along streets where every window twinkles with holiday candles, police sirens wailed Friday. Over horse pastures in what was until fairly recently a rural town, helicopter rotors thudded. In shops, televisions set to news stations blared.

Gesturing at a TV image of the shooting scene behind him at New-

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Gunman kills 26 in school rampage, including 20 children

BY JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
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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 echoing through the building and screams coming over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the toll to 28, authorities said.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack on two classrooms. 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.

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SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, killed in massacre, had just begun her doctoral candidacy at Sage Graduate College. **A9**

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President Obama wipes his eye as he talks about the shooting Friday.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Vir-

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ALBANY

Grant to help launch UAlbany E-TEC complex

\$165M center to focus on emerging technologies

BY JUSTIN MASON
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Emerging technologies could soon become a focus on the east side of the University at Albany campus.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo approved the university's 2020 grant proposal, which will provide \$35 million in seed funding that will be used to leverage the \$165 million needed to construct a 225,000-square-foot Emerging Technologies and Entre-

preneurship Complex. UAlbany was the last of New York's four university centers to receive approval for the funding, following Cuomo's OK of the University at Buffalo's proposal in late October.

UAlbany President George Philip lauded Cuomo and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher for bringing the proposal to fruition. He said the proposed research and development complex — also referred to as E-TEC — will allow UAlbany to hire more faculty and increase its research funding.

"The E-TEC research and develop-

ment complex will serve as an innovation center designed to harness UAlbany's capacity in emerging technologies by accelerating cooperative research and development, technology transfer, business development, and workforce training," he said in a statement released Friday. "[The grant] provides a tremendous opportunity for New York state to become a national leader in converting its research capacity into sustainable economic impact."

UAlbany officials anticipate using \$42 million of capital funding already in their budget for the new center, then financing an additional \$88 million. Construction of the project in what is now the parking lot by the life sciences building would begin in 2013 and be completed in 2017. ac-

ording to a presentation given by the university in September.

The project would create 1,587 construction jobs, plus 735 permanent university jobs, officials estimate. Among the permanent jobs are 187 faculty positions, 355 research workers and 193 support staff.

The new building would house the Office of Entrepreneurial and Commercialization Services, UAlbany's Small Business Development and the University's Technology Transfer Office. Philip previously touted it as a place where laboratory innovations could be transferred into practical applications.

The project would help the university grow its enrollment by 1,350 students over a five-year period, over the cur-

rent 18,000. And it would also qualify UAlbany for federal grants that could amount to upward of \$110 million.

The approved proposal was UAlbany's response to Cuomo's call for projects as part of the SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant. This initiative passed last year called for the state's four university centers to develop plans that will allow each to receive \$35 million in grant funding.

Stony Brook University was the first to receive Cuomo's approval in December 2011. Binghamton University's proposal was approved eight months later.

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