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SCHOOL MASSACRE SORROW, ANGER, FEAR ...

AGONY

‘It’s sheer terror, a sense of imminent danger, to get to your child and be there to protect him.’

Grieving people embrace in the aftermath of a school shooting Friday at a Connecticut elementary school that left at least 27 dead, including many children. AFP/GETTY IMAGES/DON EMMERT

Gunman kills 26, including 20 children, at elementary

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man opened fire Friday inside two classrooms at the Connecticut elementary school where his mother was a teacher, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying two handguns, committed suicide at the school, and another person was found dead at a second scene, bringing the 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.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, a prosperous

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A young girl is comforted by her family following the shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. NEW HAVEN REGISTER/MELANIE STENGEL

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- » Scenes of the tragedy, and its aftermath.
- » Live video from the scene, starting at 8 a.m. today.
- » The Newtown shootings: What kind of “action” should we take? Give us your opinion at Politics Extra.

City seeks change in SORTA agreement

ENQUIRER EXCLUSIVE: Transit funds could go to streetcar

By Dan Horn
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Tax dollars that now pay for Cincinnati’s Metro bus system could be diverted to the city’s streetcar project under a new proposal from the city.

City officials this week asked the Southwest Ohio Re-

gional Transit Authority, which runs Metro, to change an agreement with the city that currently prohibits using money from Metro’s “transit fund” for the \$110 million streetcar project. The transit fund, which consists of about \$42 million collected from city wage taxes, pays for the day-to-day operation of Metro

BUDGET PASSES

City Council OK’d a budget Friday that returns property-tax revenues to previous levels. **Local, B1**

buses throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

The city’s current agreement with SORTA explicitly

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Cincinnati wants flexibility on use of SORTA’s transit fund. ENQUIRER FILE

Ken and BarBe say their goodbye

The Tristate will lose both a mascot and a delicious eatery at the end of the year. Along with BarBe, the scantily clad and often-controversial mannequin that has graced the sidewalk outside KT’s Barbecue in Reading, the restaurant’s owner will be moving on. BarBe will be headed to the home of the highest bidder; Ken Tessel is headed back to the classroom to follow his newfound passion. **Local, C1**



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