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'Our hearts are broken'

Obama speaks to nation stunned by killings of "beautiful little kids" at Connecticut school



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Children wait Friday outside Sandy Hook Elementary after a shooting at the school in Newtown, Conn. Adam Lanza, 20, opened fire at the elementary school, killing 26 people, including 20 children, authorities said. He then killed himself at the school. Lanza's mother, Nancy Lanza, was found dead in a house in the town, a law enforcement official said.

Anguished questions, one gentle answer

By ERIC MORTENSON
THE OREGONIAN

Anger and dread and questions. Children this time. Children in an elementary school, kindergartners, and some sick young man comes in. Again.

We've gone crazy, that must be it. Our society has lost it. The anger in these guys. Just under the surface until it comes. My life is terrible, they say, so take that and take that and take that. Again.

We sputter with the same questions. What's happened to our young men? Why do they have no hope, no empathy, no response except rage to life's frustrations and disappointments?

How do we stop the next one? Ban guns and violent video games? Arm teachers like we did pilots?

We ask again, but the answers to these young shooters lie deep within their individual stories, says Dr. Ajit Jetmalani, a child psychiatrist at Oregon Health & Science University. Often there are "layer upon layer" of

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Parents leave a staging area after being reunited with their children following the shooting Friday. After the first 9-1-1 call was recorded about 9:30 a.m., frantic parents raced to the school.

Gunman recalled as introverted, nervous

By JAMES BARRON
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

A 20-year-old man wearing combat gear and armed with pistols killed 26 people — 20 of them children — in an attack Friday in an elementary school in wooded Connecticut. Witnesses and officials described a horrific scene as the gunman, with brutal efficiency, chose his victims in two specific classrooms while other students dived under desks and hid in closets.

Hundreds of terrified parents, fearing the worst, descended on the school in Newtown, about 65 miles north of New York City, after news of the shootings spread. Many arrived as their sobbing children were led out, each with a hand on the shoulder of the child in front. But by that time, the gunman, identified as Adam Lanza, had killed himself. The children who were killed were said to be from 5 to 10 years old.

A 28th person was found dead in a house in the town and was also believed to have been shot by Lanza.

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Clackamas mall begins recovery

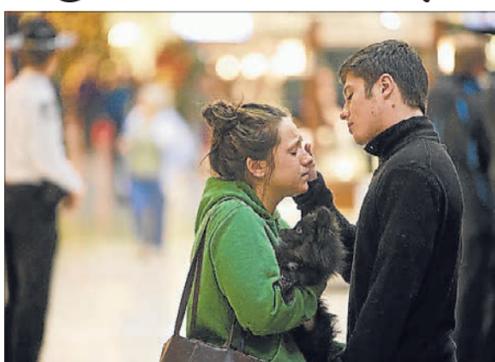
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While another shooting tragedy unfolded across the country, shoppers and employees at Clackamas Town Center took a first step toward normalcy Friday as the mall threw open its doors for the first time since a masked gunman fatally shot two people and himself.

Seniors resumed their usual mall-walking routines at 7:30 a.m. Employees wiped down windows and raised the gates at 9 a.m. And shoppers trickled in throughout the morning, many saying they'd come to show support.

Along the second floor's glass railings, within view of where 22-year-old Jacob Roberts had opened fire, silver and red stars were hung as a temporary memorial.

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Bobby Begley comforts his girlfriend, Isabelle Peloquin, at the kiosk where he works at Clackamas Town Center, which reopened Friday for the first time since Tuesday. Begley had been in close proximity to the shooting that left three people dead, including the gunman.

Nike gets tax law despite mutterings

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SALEM — Despite misgivings about a rushed, sweetheart deal, the Oregon Legislature approved a new law Friday that gives Nike greater tax security as the company plans a multimillion-dollar expansion in the state.

Meeting in a special session called by Gov. John Kitzhaber, legislators fussed and tinkered over a bill that allows the governor to enter into a contract with Nike to protect it from changes in the way Oregon calculates the global sportswear-maker's state income taxes.

In the end, however, Nike got most of what it wanted. Although legislators talked about a flawed process and a bill that bypassed too many other businesses, few had the stomach to vote against a company promising hundreds of new jobs. The vote came amid a flurry of

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Read more about the special session of the Oregon Legislature called to adjust Oregon tax rules to allow Nike to expand in Washington County at **ORne.ws/nike-special-session**

unconfirmed job and wage numbers thrown around by Nike and Kitzhaber.

The bill passed 50-5 in the House, 22-6 in the Senate. Kitzhaber plans to sign the measure and a tax guarantee contract with Nike within a week, his spokesman said.

"This has been quite an intense process," said Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, a key supporter of the bill. "We have a good, solid product here and a wonderful, wonderful company that's going to be staying in Oregon."

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