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'Our hearts are broken'

Gunman kills 20 children, 6 adults at elementary school



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Children from the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., 60 miles northeast of New York City, are led away from the building by Connecticut State Police following the shooting there Friday. The police told the youngsters, in kindergarten through fourth grade, to close their eyes, preventing them from seeing the blood and broken glass.

Suspect, 20, apparently also killed his mother, with whom he lived

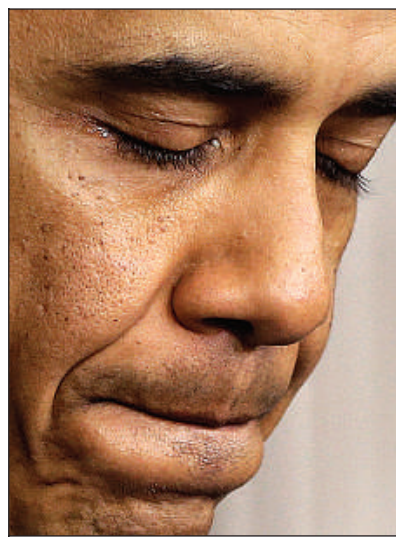
Adam Lanza may have had a personality disorder; his brother is helping authorities

By PETE YOST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — 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 the Connecticut school where she taught before taking his own life.

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President Obama,

who said he grieves as a father, pauses as he speaks about the shootings Friday.

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWTOWN, CONN. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters covered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least 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 claimed 33 lives in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, 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. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

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COURTS

Ex-Montalbano aide gets home confinement

Raymond T. 'Chip' Hoyas Jr. cashed paychecks of State House pages to fund his gambling addiction

By TRACY BRETON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Raymond T. "Chip" Hoyas Jr., a former aide to former state Senate president and now District Court Magistrate Joseph A. Montalbano, was sentenced Friday to four years' home confinement for forging the names of dozens of State House pages on payroll



Hoyas

checks for hours they did not work. According to representations made in court, Hoyas, 53, of 162 Mt. Vernon Blvd., Pawtucket, used

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EDUCATION

More time sought to create ruling board

Citing logistics, Sen. Hanna M. Gallo says the new joint panel to oversee all education levels in R.I. won't be ready by the legislated Jan. 1 start date

By RANDAL EDGAR
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PROVIDENCE — With the General Assembly in recess and state law calling for a new Rhode Island Board of Education to start work on Jan. 1, the chairwoman of the state Senate Education Committee said Friday that she hopes to put the brakes on a plan to revamp the state's education hierarchy.

Sen. Hanna M. Gallo, D-

Cranston, said she will introduce legislation that extends the life of the boards that oversee elementary, secondary and higher education and gives the Senate until Feb. 7 to confirm appointments to the new board.

Her reasoning: There's no way to have the new board up and running any sooner.

Under a provision in the state budget that lawmakers adopted in June, the new

"The Senate has an obligation to fully and properly vet the governor's appointments to the new Board of Education."

Sen. Hanna M. Gallo, D-Cranston

board is supposed to take office on Jan. 1. At the same time, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education "shall cease to exist," according to the law.

But the Senate has been in

recess since June and will not return until Jan. 1. And though Governor Chafee has said he plans to make George D. Caruolo, currently chairman of the Board of Regents, the chairman of the

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Cross that off the list

Meeting beloved actress Betty White was on Leslie Scott of Coventry's bucket list. But not anymore. **A2**

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Hitting bumps

R.I.'s roads and bridges connect its economy to commerce along the East Coast. But the transportation network is in danger of falling apart. Find out why in the next installment of Reinvent Rhode Island, in The Sunday Providence Journal.

