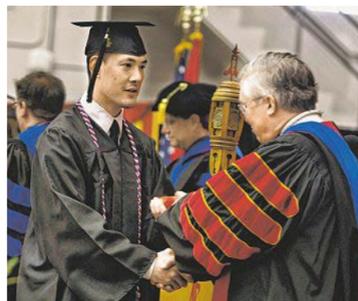


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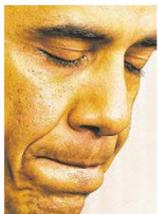
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Tragedy in Conn.



Connecticut State Police lead a line of children from the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on Friday after a shooting at the school. NEWTOWN BEE/AP



Obama

"The majority of those who died were children – beautiful, little kids between the ages of 5 and 10 years old."

**PRESIDENT
BARACK
OBAMA**

Gunman kills 26, including 20 children and his mother at school

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.

Victim at 2nd scene

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, a prosperous community of about 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City. Youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-

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A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher at the school. JESSICA HILL/AP

NEW CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL

Congress decides it's time to do something after rash of deadly shootings, Page A2.

Officials assure readiness

Schools, police promise vigilance for Clarksville

By Lester Black
Leaf-Chronicle

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Local school and police officials are expressing their condolences to the families of victims of the tragic school shooting in Newton, Conn., but also assuring parents that measures are in place to protect students in Montgomery County.

"We are deeply saddened to hear the news of the elementary school shooting in Connecticut," said Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools Spokeswoman Elise Shelton in an e-mail.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those families and that community."

Clarksville Police spokesman Officer Jim Knoll said in an e-mail that it was too soon to discuss school

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'Currahee' Brigade ends 2012 on a high note

Run for charity and awards for excellence cap off 4th BCT's year

By Philip Grey
Leaf-Chronicle

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — The rest of America can celebrate events however they want, but when the Army celebrates, you can almost always count on a

run as part of the festivities.

On Friday morning, as the 4th Brigade Combat Team prepared for Christmas block leave and half-day schedules, the Red Currahee Battalion celebrated the imminent arrival of the Season of Joy with an old-fash-

ioned, five-mile fun-run in sub-freezing temperatures. Definitions of "fun" may vary from culture to culture, but for the Army, that's how fun is done.

To keep the cold at bay, they ran at a good, warmth-producing clip, led by battalion commander Lt. Col. Gregory Beaudoin with Command Sgt. Major Franklin Valez policing up the

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