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Laura Inns/AP

A woman is comforted Wednesday after a man opened fire at Von Maur at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., killing eight before taking his own life.

# Killer hinted of terror

Troubled teen shoots and kills eight at Nebraska mall, leaves suicide note for his family

By OSKAR GARCIA  
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The teenage gunman who went on a shooting rampage in a department store may have smuggled an assault rifle into the mall underneath clothing, police said today.

Police Chief Thomas Warren

said the young man “appeared to be concealing something balled up in a hooded sweat shirt” he was carrying, according to a surveillance video.

Moments later, as gunshots rang out over Christmas music, those at Westroads Mall huddled in dressing rooms and barricaded themselves in offices as the

shooter, 19-year-old Robert A. Hawkins, sprayed the third floor of Von Maur with gunfire. When the shooting was over, Hawkins killed himself.

His victims included six store employees and two customers, police said.

The customers killed included Gary Scharf, 48 of Lincoln

and John McDonald, 65, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The employees killed included Angie Schuster, 36, of Omaha; Maggie Webb, 24; Janet Jorgensen, 66 of Omaha; Diane Trent, 53 of Omaha; Gary Joy, 56 of Omaha; and Beverly

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ROBERT A. HAWKINS  
Shooter at mall

## ‘Babes in Toyland’

Cast of Capitol Arts Center show in rehearsal for production

Photos by David W. Smith

Daily News



Top: Nine-year-old Megan Dillingham, who plays a harlequin, strikes a pose Wednesday during rehearsal for “Babes in Toyland” at the Capitol Arts Center.  
Above: A group of toymakers sings during the practice.

## Youth theater to present holiday event

By NATALIE JORDAN  
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Jack and Jill, Little Bo Peep and her lost sheep, Little Boy Blue, props from Mother Goose stories and rolling fog set the stage at Capitol Arts Center on Wednesday as the Capitol Arts Youth Theater prepared for tonight’s presentation of “Babes in Toyland.”

“I’m really excited,” said Bowling Green High School student Kelsey Hatcher, 15, who choreographed the show. “I think we’re ready to perform for an actual audience.”

“I’m ready to show off.”

From Mother Goose Land to Toyland – and a spider forest in between – the production encompasses the magic of Christmas and toys, and the love of

### Short & Simple

Capital Arts Youth Theater’s “Babes in Toyland” will run at 6:30 p.m. today through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

— The Daily News

nursery rhyme characters. “Babes in Toyland” is about Miss Mary Quite Contrary, said Christopher Cherry, director of the youth theater. She runs away from Mother Goose Land to Toyland, where she meets a toymaker who has discovered a way to make live dolls. It is a melodrama/comedy based on

the 1903 Broadway opera, from which most of the music comes, Cherry said.

“It’s very funny,” he said. “We worked to mirror the silent melodrama movie style ... which makes it very funny, too.”

With dress rehearsals under way Wednesday, the actresses and actors practiced for private performances for area students, set for today at 9 a.m. and noon.

“I think if we had more time, it would be a little tighter, but I think it’s come along nicely,” Kelsey said.

The production is sponsored by Ford’s Furniture and Chase Bank, which gave the Capitol Arts Alliance a grant to create the Chase Children’s Series. The production is the first feature in that series, Cherry said.

There are 59 actors and actresses, ages 6 through 17, who have been working on the production since Oct. 29.

“It’s gone very well,” Cherry said. “Most of these young people are experienced in musicals, or have taken classes through Capitol Arts, and have really developed some nice performance skills. I’ve been pleased with the rehearsals, and they’re ready for the actual performance.”

Playing a villain named Rodrigo, 12-year-old Ethan Corder said he’s enjoyed being on stage.

“I’ve had a lot of fun,” he said. “I like the whole production. This is my first time. I’m nervous, but I’m excited for tonight. I think it’ll go well.”

The production runs an hour and 45 minutes plus intermissions, Cherry said.

## HIT AND RUN

# Family copes after its loss

Woman with Alzheimer’s was struck, killed; police seek driver

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Tears are easy but forgiveness is hard as a local family stitches together the details of the hit-and-run accident Monday that resulted in the death of 76-year-old Carolyn Mae Withrow.

What is known is that she wandered out of her house Monday morning – twice.

The first time, she was brought back by neighbor Devon Staten, according to one of Withrow’s daughters, Vicki Withrow-Franklin, who said the neighborhood had been on alert to help her if she was found wandering.

The second time, she is believed to have walked more than two miles from her home on Webb Drive before being struck by a vehicle while crossing Louisville Road and Old Louisville Road, according to police.

By the time she was found, she had been struck twice.

“It never dawned on me that she would walk at night,” said Withrow-Franklin, one of Withrow’s primary caregivers.



CAROLYN WITHROW

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## Christmas tree lighting event Friday on square

By ROBYN L. MINOR  
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Bowling Green’s downtown will be aglow with the lights and sounds of Christmas on Friday evening.

For the first time, the annual lighting event will be on a Friday and will be sponsored by the city.

The event wasn’t going to be done by anyone else “and parks and recreation guys spend so much time putting lights up that we wanted to celebrate them and give people a reason to come downtown,” said Kim Lancaster, public information coordinator for the city.

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