

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)

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See attached photo supp report completed by Det Meehan #377, for search of Lanza residence from December 19-20, 2012.

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INCIDENT: HOMICIDE

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LANZA RESIDENCE, 36 YOGANANDA STREET, NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT SEIZED EVIDENCE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT

On Friday December 14, 2012, the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad (CDMCS) was assigned to assist with a Homicide Investigation at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, located at 12 Dickenson Drive, Newtown, Connecticut. The incident involved a suspect Adam Lanza (DOB 04/22/1982) who entered the school, shot and killed numerous victims then died of a self inflicted gunshot wound. CDMCS was assigned to assist by processing various areas and items related to the scene for evidence. One area processed for evidence was the residence of suspect Adam Lanza, located at 36 Yogananda Street, Newtown, Connecticut.

The following color photographs were taken by this investigator of the evidence items seized by CDMCS investigators on from the Lanza residence on December 19-20, 2012. The photographs #1-70 were taken utilizing the unit's assigned NIKON D300 digital programmable camera. The built in flash and/or artificial lighting was utilized when necessary. The images were stored on a digital media card. The images were transferred to a CD and printed by the Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory. The digital media card was reformatted for future use and no longer contains the images captured at this incident.

PHOTOGRAPH#	DESCRIPTION
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3	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #601, IBM ThinkPad laptop computer, serial # 05, with power chord.
4	This photo illustrates a view of "Liberty Computer Services LLC" business card, located within computer box containing Exhibit #601, IBM ThinkPad laptop computer, serial # 05
5	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #602, ten (10) miscellaneous computer components.
6	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #603, twelve (12) miscellaneous CD-R and DVD-R discs.
7	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #604, four (4) papers with miscellaneous writings.

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9	This photo illustrates a close up view of Exhibit #605, one certified mail receipt for Tin Star Shooting Range, Weatherford, OK, dated 10/12/11; one NRA basic pistol course certificate (NRA ID#7234661) for Nancy Lanza; one business card for Chris Hansen of Arms & Munitions, Monroe, Ct; and two Newtown Post Office receipts for a money order and first class mail letter.						
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19	This photo illustrates a view of a deceased human covered in b		3"x5" color photographs of what appears to be ic wrapping.				
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33	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #611 box of miscellaneous photographs.						
34	This photo illustrates a view of Exhibit #612, one holiday card and Bank of America check #462 made out to Adam Lanza for the purchase of a C138 firearm.						
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36	This photo illustrates a view of	Exhibit #613, one kn	ife with a 12 inch blade and sheath.				

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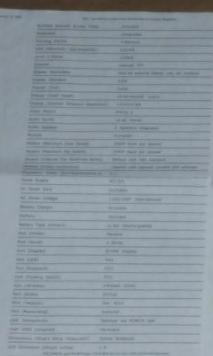
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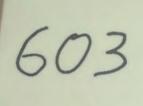








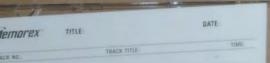










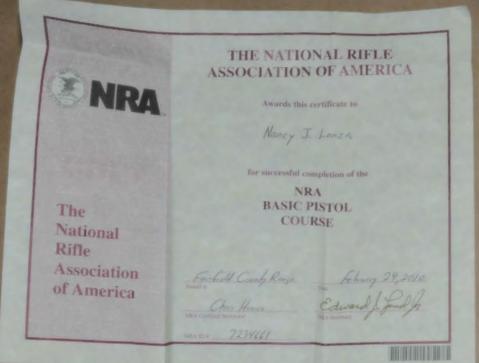








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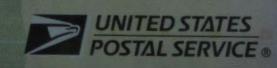
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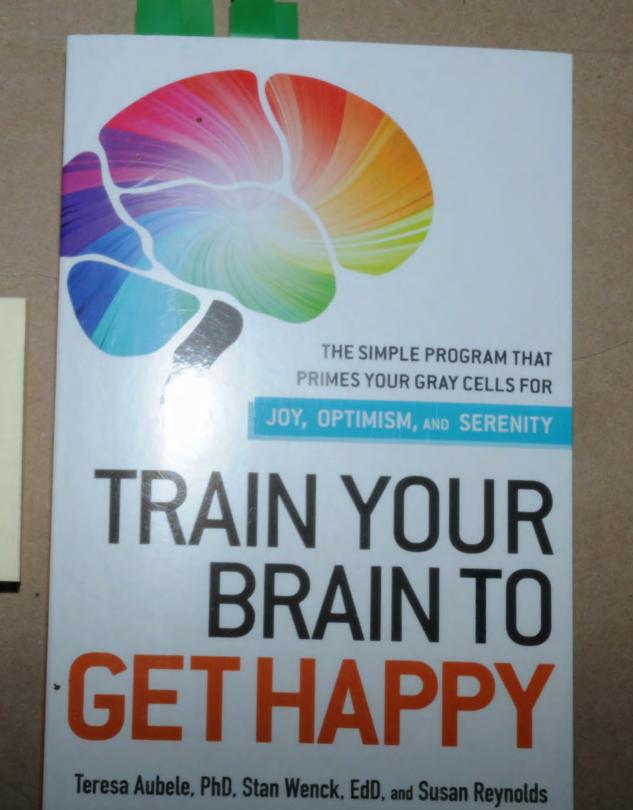
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What Is Neuroplasticity?

It's important to clarify that neuroscientists use the word "plastic" a different way than you might be used to. In neuroscience, "plastic means that a material has the ability to change, to be molded into different shapes. Thus, neuroplasticity is your brain's ability to alter its physical structure, to repair damaged regions, to grow new new rons and get rid of old ones, to rezone regions that performed one task and have them assume a new task, and to change the circuity that weaves neurons into the networks that allow us to remember feel, suffer, think, imagine, and dream.

How Neuroplasticity Works in Your Brain

Here's a short list of what scientists now believe your brain is capable of continuing to achieve throughout your life, thanks to neuroplasticity.

- 1. It can reactivate long-dormant circuitry. The expression "it's like riding a bike" is very true when it comes to your brain. Often, you never completely forget a skill once learned, though you might need a short period of practice to kick your neurons back into gear.
- 2. It can create new circuitry. For instance, the neurons in your nose responsible for smell are made new and replaced every few weeks, and new neurons are made in other parts of your brain as well. Also, whenever you learn something new, your brain can strengthen existing neuronal connections and create new synapses that allow you to maximize new skills.
- 3. It can rewire circuitry. Parts of your brain that were used for one purpose can be retasked to other uses. This is often the case with stroke victims who relearn to use a limb or to speak after some neurons are destroyed.
- 4. It can quiet aberrant circuits and connections (such as those leading to depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), obsessivecompulsive disorder (OCD), phobias, and so on). Some parts of

your brain can exert control over others and change how much they affect your mood, decision-making, and thought processes.

HOW DOES NEUROPLASTICITY MAKE YOU HAPPIER?

Because of your brain's neuroplasticity, you can train your brain to get happier regardless of your age. Here's why:

- 1. The actions you take can literally expand or contract different regions of the brain, firing up circuits or tamping them down. Example: If you worry excessively, you are activating certain types of pathways due to habit. You can learn, however, to retrain your brain to quiet these pathways and strengthen others, so it doesn't automatically go down the "worry" highway.
- 2. The more you ask your brain to do, the more space it sets up to handle the new tasks, often by shrinking or repurposing space that houses your ability to perform rarely used tasks. Example: If you typically go into a melancholy funk when you face problems, your brain will continue that habit. If, however, you instruct your brain to come up with creative solutions to your problems, you can shut down the melancholy pathways by making them less used and smaller, and instead open up and increase use of the creativity workshop in your brain.
- 3. New brain-scanning technology has shown that conscious perception activates the same brain areas as imagination. In effect, you can neutralize the long-term effects of painful memories by rewriting (or more correctly, rewiring) the past that lives within your
- 4. Your brain usually cannot reliably distinguish between recorded experience and internal fantasy. If you program your mind with images of you being happy and spend time visualizing the desired images long enough and hard enough, your brain will think those images really happened and will associate happiness with them.

The neocortex is also responsible for planning, abstract thoughts, and reasoning. It's the part of your brain that senses and perceives the world around you, allows you to formulate reactions, and allows you to think about thinking. Your personality, your hopes, and even your ability to speak all generate from—and reside within—your neocortex.

Visualize This!

To get a visual idea of the size of your brain, put your two palms together and then make your hands into fists. When you look down at your thumbs, you can see the approximate size of your brain, Your curled up fingers even look a bit like the wrinkles in the surface of your brain. Its 100 billion nerve cells weigh about three pounds in total and connect with each other along 100 trillion different

THE FIVE MAJOR AREAS OF YOUR CORTEX AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Because your cortex surrounds and covers your reptilian and limbic brains, a surgeon would have to remove this part of the brain, or cut into it, in order to see many of the other structures underneath. It's so large and contains so many of your highest-order functions that neuroscientists have divided the neocortex into four lobes (based on the type of information each manages) and the cerebellum, or "little brain,"

- 1. Your frontal lobe
- 2. Your temporal lobe
- 3. Your parietal lobe
- 4. Your occipital lobe
- 5. Your cerebellum

These lobes are divided into left and right halves, or hemispheres, by the central sulcus, which runs lengthwise down the center of your brain. For the most part, the left and right halves of these lobes are responsible

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for similar functions, but each focuses on opposite sides of your body. The left side of your brain is concerned with the right side of your body. and the right side of your brain is responsible for the left side of your

In addition to these four cerebral lobes, many neuroscientists also include the cerebellum-literally your "little brain" as a fifth major

Yes, it's complicated, but hang in with us as we describe what each area of your brain does. Getting to know the parts of your brain will vastly improve your ability to understand how it functions overall and what you can do to protect and improve your brain functions and thereby increase your level of happiness!

Your Frontal Lobe

At the very front of your brain lies an area known as the frontal lobe. It is the largest of the lobes—about 30 percent of your brain's overall size and is the most highly evolved portion of your brain. It is the frontal lobe that makes us human. It controls most of your executive decision-making, serves as the seat of your personality, and is the part of your brain that allows you to think about yourself. Some call the frontal cortex "the CEO of your brain" because it is responsible for double-checking decisions and actions and giving the final okay before you interact with the rest of the world.

Your Prefrontal Cortex

At the heart of the frontal lobe is an area known as the prefrontal cortex (or PFC), which is likewise divided into left and right halves, or hemispheres. The left part of your PFC is concerned with emotional responses, while the right half of your PFC is more concerned with fact-based analysis. The PFC sits directly behind the center of your forehead and is the last to develop as you grow into an adult. Although teenagers like to think they have fully formed brains, the prefrontal cortex is still growing and doesn't really begin to shine until postadolescence. On average, this process begins and finishes about a year earlier in girls as compared to boys.

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Every moment that you can spend reversing negative patterns of thinking is important for getting your brain out of these patterns and into a happier, more productive state.

POSITIVE THINKING: HOW OPTIMISM SAVES THE DAY

Every thought releases brain chemicals. Being focused on negative thoughts effectively saps the brain of its positive forcefulness, slows it down, and can go as far as dimming your brain's ability to function, even creating depression. On the flip side, being focused on positive, happy, hopeful, optimistic, joyful thoughts produces chemicals that create a sense of well-being, which helps your brain function at peak capacity.

There are hundreds of benefits to being positive, among them: Being positive, especially around friends and family, will make it easier for them to do the same. So turn that frown upside down, and give your brain the juice it needs to function at its peak capacity, so you—and your brain—can feel good about life.

Your Brain on Happy Thoughts

"We choose and sculpt how our ever-changing minds will work, we choose who we will be the next moment in a very real sense, and these choices are left embossed in physical form on our material selves."

-Dr. Mike Merzenich

In contrast to the effects of negative thinking on your brain, positive thinking has really helpful effects on your brain. Happy thoughts and positive thinking in general seem to be responsible for the growth of the brain, making new synapses, especially in the prefrontal cortex (PFC). Neuroscientist Helen Mayberg used brain imaging to measure activity in the brains of depressed adults before they underwent fifteen to twenty sessions of behavior therapy, where they learned to reshape depressive thoughts. All the patients' depression lifted, and the only "drugs" that this group received were the own thoughts. She then scanned the

patients' brains again. These scans reflected changed activity in both the limbic brain and the prefrontal cortex, showing without a doubt that the mind can change the brain, or as Dr. Mayberg explained, the mind can rewire the brain "to adopt different thinking circuits."

A Happy Brain Is an Energetic Brain

Negative thinking slows down brain coordination, making it difficult to process thoughts and find solutions. Feeling frightened, which often happens when focused on negative outcomes, has been shown to decrease activity in the cerebellum, which slows the brain's ability to process new information, and the left temporal lobe, which affects mood, memory, and impulse control.

So how do we think happy thoughts, even when feeling besieged by negative thoughts?

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY TO THE RESCUE!

"As a man thinketh, so is he."

-Napoleon Hill

Cognitive behaviorism was formed as a reaction against the Freudian emphasis on consciousness as the subject matter and introspection as the method of its behavioral or therapeutic investigation. Freud believed that we experienced emotions first, and that our problematic thoughts arose from deep-seated emotions, many of which were repressed in our subconscious. Freud liked to delineate and probe his patient's psyche, hoping to ferret out suppressed fears.

In the early part of the twentieth century, American psychologist John B. Watson founded what became known as the psychological school of behaviorism, which basically rejected Freudian introspection

list, positive outcomes are there, lurking under your mound of depressive thoughts. Looking for the hrighter side is a great habit to develop. You will be a happier and more compassionate person for it. Interestingly, you can learn to become grateful for life's painful experiences as well as the pleasant ones. It's a tool you can use to choose to live as an optimist as opposed to a pessimist.

CBT Technique #7: Develop Your Ability to Concentrate

We all lead incredibly busy lives, and multitasking has become essential when it comes to coping with all the complex details that fill our lives. Living in this state can overload our brain, with negative thoughts drowning out positive thoughts. One way to combat negative thoughts is to narrow your focus and concentrate on what is going on right now in your life. Unfortunately, the ability to concentrate is becoming a lost art for many, even though concentration is a marvelous tool for retraining your brain to have happy thoughts. If you're having trouble concentrating, try this exercise.

Place a lighted candle on a table about two feet from your chair and concentrate only on the flame. On a blank sheet of paper, make a mark each time you find yourself thinking of something other than the flame itself. Do this for five or ten minutes, per day, for thirty days.

If you practice this religiously for at least a month, you'll notice that your thought diversions lessen substantially over time. And that means you are regaining the ability to concentrate by reducing the volume of unproductive thoughts while attending solely to the object or thought you want to concentrate on.

CBT Technique #8: Create Positive Affirmations

"Some folks think they can. Others think they can't. They're both right."

—Henry Ford

This technique works well for those with low self-esteem or who have developed obsessive or negative thoughts about an upcoming or

past situation. Instead of letting a barrage of negative thoughts dominate your life, create a list of positive affirmations to counter them. Suppose you are nervous about going to an out-of-town party where you will know no one except the hostess, who will be very busy. Repeating a positive phrase like, "I will be relaxed, sociable, and have a really fun time" said in five sets of ten each day before the party (fifty times daily) creates a picture in your mind that your brain will be happy to fulfill.

Consider This!

There's always good news out there. Here are some happy results of studies that should cheer you up:

- Seniors who were first told they had an above-average memory performed significantly better on memory tests.
- Seniors who are personally optimistic about their future well-being outnumber those pessimistic about their future three to one.
- The number of people reporting that they were in a "good mood" outnumbered those reporting to be in a "bad mood" twenty to one.
- 70 percent of people met with a smile give a smile in return.

At the very least, formulating positive affirmations will calm your nerves and set the stage for a happier outcome... and then you will have a great time, which will reinforce positive envisioning for the next event, and the next, and so on. Experiment with positive affirmations in different situations, and then sit back to watch how well your brain functions when it's been instructed to set up the ideal ending.

ENTER MINDFULNESS!

Now that we've covered the hasics of CBT, it's time to take another leap forward. Thanks to the groundbreaking research and decades-long devotion of Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn to mindfulness meditation at the University



















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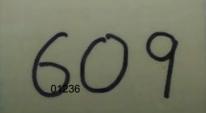
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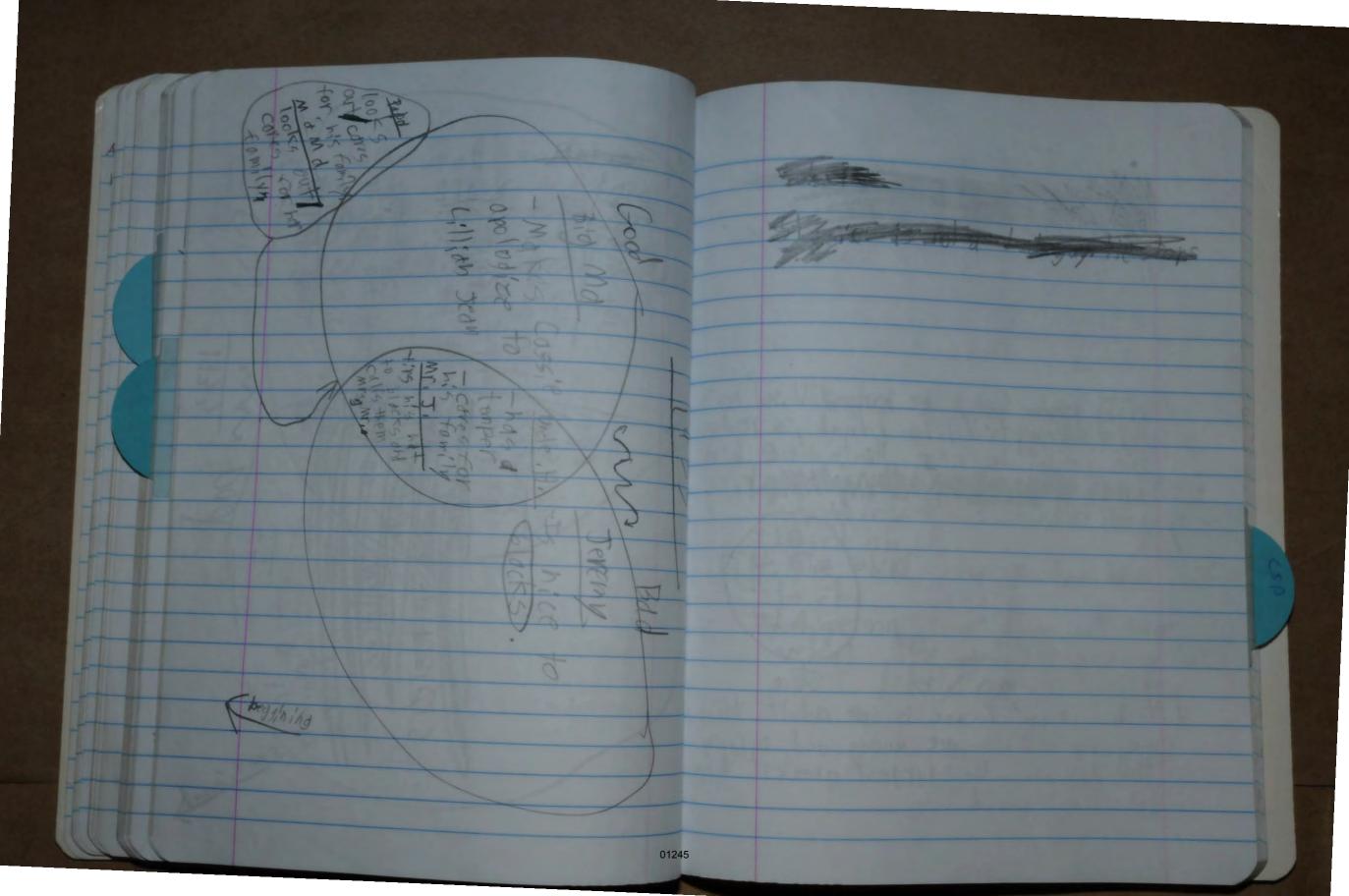
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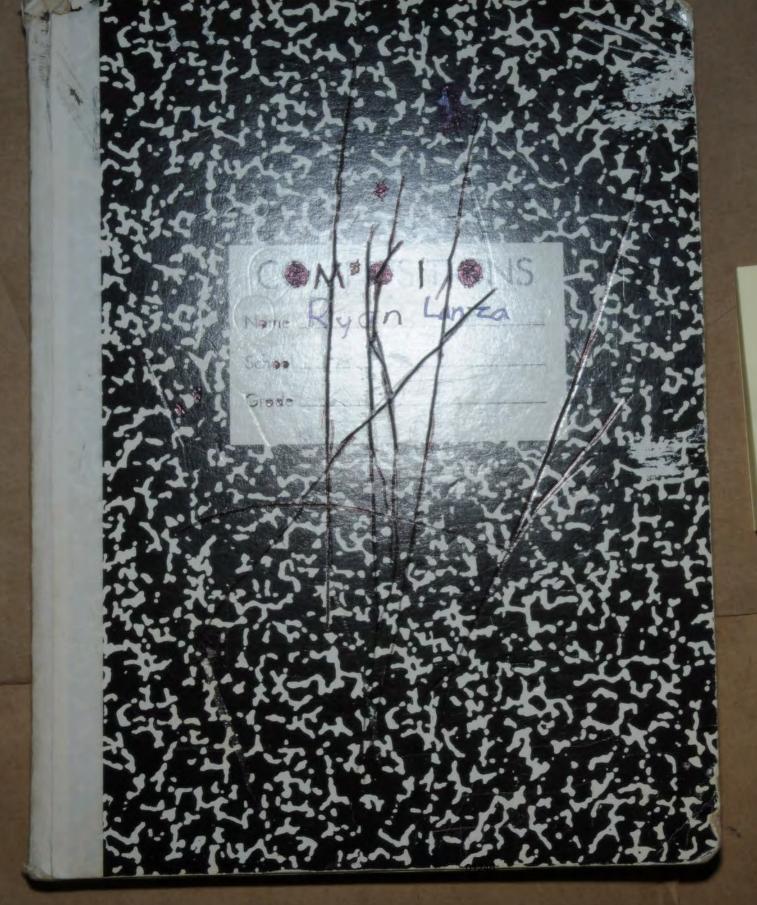
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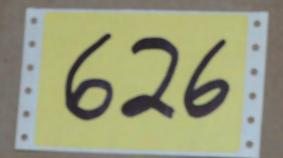






















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Mr. Kushner said.

Ten sites are online already, and the 11th, covering Kentucky, is scheduled to go up this week. Mr. Kushner hopes his multimillion-dollar investment - he would not be more specific - will attract an influential readership and, in turn, advertisers who want to reach those readers.

"Instead of taking out ads in five papers across the state, if you want to reach the most influential and politically active people, all you have to do is buy an ad package on the site," he said.

The Observer Media Group, which owns both the namesake newspaper and the Politicker brand, has kept relatively quiet about the development of the state sites. They will most likely become more prominent when a national site aggregating the local content starts within the next few weeks.

"We view this as one of the most ambitious projects right now in journalism," said Robert Sommer, the president of the Observer Media Group. "We're basically creating 50 news bureaus with full-time reporters in each

Mr. Sommer said that the company saw itself filling the political local newspapers are increasingly deserting. But the Politicker network faces some formidable

Oregon site broke the news of a lists and former officeholders - termath weeks ago, and the Maine site ob- mer said. ing criticism because they are up-ties and political leanings. Mr. dated infrequently. An online Kushner, whose father was a mamagazine in Vermont said that jor Democratic fund-raiser, em-

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state capitals with little more than a laptop and a BlackBerry, and let them build each state site.

What the young reporters lack in experience, they make up for in passion about politics, Mr. Sommer said.

"They can quote what happitch from Tom Seaver's nearperfect game in 1969," he said.



The publisher Jared Kushner.

until then will rely entirely on advertising revenue.

Most states will be covered by challenges - primarily, figuring one or two reporters, one editor congresswoman's retirement two are the "secret sauce," Mr. Som-

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First on the Scene, Again, Is the College Newspaper

By BRIAN STELTER

Arizona in 1952 even though their parents weren't born vet the roat like the roat pages of next day's campuses — as did when a gun. parents weren't born yet, the man killed five students at North-- reporters from the college pa. photographer at Virginia Tech same way I can tell you every ern Illinois University last week Mr. Sommer said that in the fuon the scene. For reporters at the company plane to an quire subscriptions for some newspaper, the incident became person passes. Recalling that Ms. ture, the company plans to re- The Northern Star, the student far more personal when they learned that one of their own staff members was among those

Daniel Parmenter, a sophomore, worked as a sales representative for the Northern Star, selling advertising on commission. He had joined the newspaper last semester.

"It became very clear that people very close to us were injured ed taking photographs. His imand dead," said Jim Killam, the newspaper's adviser and a jour- away on stretchers, were posted nalism professor at the university in DeKalb, Ill. "It immediately appeared in newspapers across changed the complexion of the the country Friday morning.

Student newspapers, however tothe scene - The Northern Star news niche that budget-strapped parts of the Politicker sites, but professional they aspire to be, was apparently first to report are rooted more in the sorts of that the gunman had killed himheadlines found in Thursday's self - also posed obvious chal-Northern Star: "Things to do on lenges Valentine's Day" and "Winter out who, exactly, will advertise working on contract from inside season ranks tenth snowiest." In wewere clearly attached to what the state, and an undetermined recent days, though, the staff Even in this early stage, some number of bloggers. The editors members, many of them journal-Ms Steele, whose paper at Virof the Politicker sites are per- - who will remain anonymous, ism majors, were entangled in gmia Tech, The Collegiate Times, forming better than others. The and will include lawyers, lobby- covering the shooting and its af-

John Puterbaugh, The North- outsiders looking in like most of ern Star's editor in chief, was not the national media; the victims tained an interview with Barack Although their anonymity entirely unprepared. In the nine Obama ahead of the state's caulends an aura of mystery, many months after a gunman killed 32 Past the same buildings, ate in cuses. But other sites are draw- of the editors will have partisan students at Virginia Tech, he had spoken several times with Amie there is absolutely no way you Steele, the editor in chief of that can remove yourself from that." university's student newspaper. the local Politicker had received phasized that the Web sites were There, the student newspaper sites proved important to an au- ual," Justin Zegar, the advertis-"a whopping zero" comments not affiliated with any political from readers.

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The advantages of being close

"We had to cover the story, yet we were reporting about," said coverage last April. "We weren't were just like us - they walked the same dining halls - and

For both newspapers, Web

Northern Star





the process of talking to students. and I'll do what I can personally to help them through this; and they'll help me."

SPECIAL ISSUE COVERING THURSDAY'S COLE HALL SHOOTING

At Northern Illinois University, the campus paper, The Northern Star, issued an eight-page special report on the shootings.

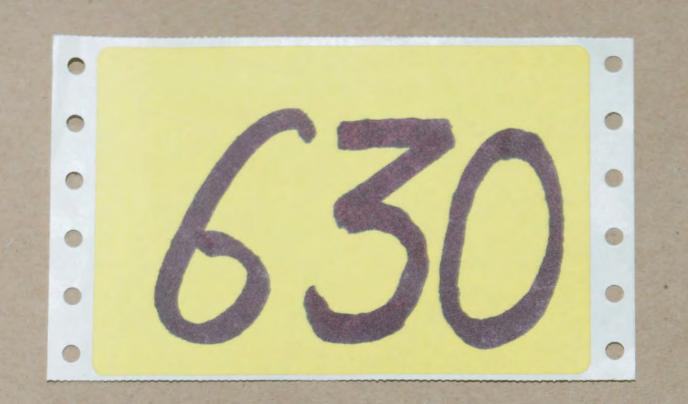
Killam said. In the 24 hours after move up?" the shootings, it had about

"He was a motivated individ-

Long after the national media leave DeKalb, the campus paper The Northern Star staff mem- will most likely continue to cover bers also convened Friday after- the aftermath. Ms. Steele said noon to support one another and that every edition of The Colreflect on Mr. Parmenter's death. legiate Times has had an article related to the shootings.

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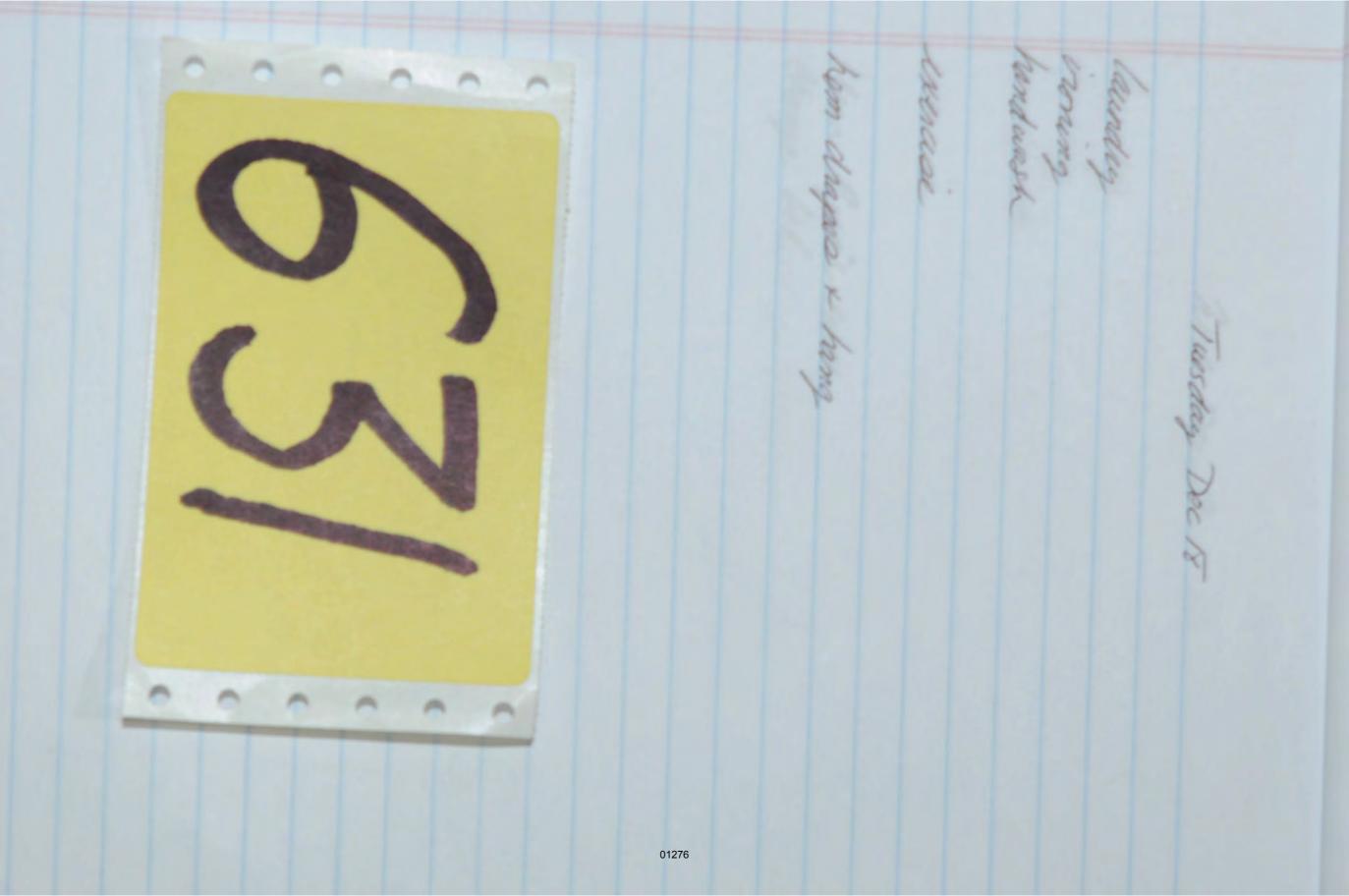
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