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American Civic Association
Binghamton, New York
13 Dead, and gunman

Jiverly Wong (Voong) 41 years old, moved to the States in the early 1990s
Lived with his mother, father and sister in nearby Johnson City
Had worked at IBM, decided to move to California. There, he worked for seven years at Kikka Sushi
Wore bulletproof vest, hunting knife, ammunition, 9 mm and a .45-caliber pistols
Obtained gun permits more than a decade ago
Upset over losing his job at a vacuum plant (Shop-Vac), struggled with drugs
May have been planning a bank robbery in 1999, possibly to support a crack-cocaine addiction
Didn't like people picking on him for his limited English, in response to a co-worker who asked if he liked the New York Yankees, "No, I don't like that team. I don't like America. America sucks."
Kevin Greene, a former co-worker at the vacuum plant: Voong had been obsessed with guns "He went to target practice on Saturday. He said he had two guns, one in his glove compartment. He was always talking about his guns." The two Beretta pistols used for the killings were licensed by the New York state

Parked his car against the back door of the association, burst through the front doors and shot two receptionists, killing one, before moving on to a classroom where he claimed 12 more victims

The receptionist who survived, 61-year-old Shirley DeLucia, played dead, then called 911 despite her injuries and stayed on the line while the gunman remained in the building

Thirty-seven people made it out of the centre, including 26 who hid for hours in a basement boiler room while police tried to determine whether the gunman was still alive and whether he was holding any hostages