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12 dead in Fort Hood shooting

Army officer wounds 31 others in attack at Texas military base

BY PETER SLEVIN
Washington Post

An Army psychiatrist allegedly opened fire Thursday on fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, killing at least 12 people and wounding 31 in what is believed to be the deadliest mass shooting on a U.S. military base in history.

The gunman, identified by authorities as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, was shot four times by a civilian police officer and is hospitalized in critical condition. His motive remains unclear, although various sources reported he is opposed to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq and upset about an imminent deployment.



Hasan

The attack erupted shortly after lunchtime on the sprawling complex, which is the home base for more than 50,000 soldiers and has absorbed more fatalities in Iraq and Afghanistan than any other base. The assault targeted a ceremony inside an auditorium of the soldier readiness facility, which provides medical and dental care to troops before they mobilize for overseas duty. Officials said he opened fire on areas where soldiers from across the base waited for appointments.

President Barack Obama called the shooting "a horrific outburst of violence."

"It's difficult enough when we lose these brave Americans in battles overseas," the commander in chief said. "It is horrifying that they

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Oakland fights killer's parole

Prosecutor appeals early release by state

BY MIKE MARTINDALE
The Detroit News

Pontiac — The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has appealed the early release of a convicted killer who became one of TV's "America's Most Wanted" after crushing the skull of an alleged Pontiac hit man in September 1987.



Atkins

Craig LeRoy Atkins, 51, is one of at least 16 felons Prosecutor Jessica Cooper is trying to keep behind bars as she battles the state for earlier notice of prisoners being released early to help trim the state budget.

On Thursday, she filed appeals to protest the release of Atkins and two other felons: Clarence Justin Aldred, 52, who beat his ex-girlfriend with a baseball bat and held her hostage in a cabin for three days; and Daniel Evan Fletcher, 44, whose sex assaults displayed "a level of brutality only seen in fictional horror films," according to prosecutors.

Aldred and Fletcher are still in prison, but Cooper said she is

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LINING UP FOR SWINE FLU SHOTS



Photos by Robin Buckson / The Detroit News

Sumitha Atluri of Troy holds her son, Abhiram, 3, as Nancy Hunt administers the H1N1 flu vaccine Thursday at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "I just wanted to get them vaccinated and keep them safe," Atluri said of her two children.

As Michigan health officials report six more deaths linked to swine flu, Oakland County residents stood in line for hours Thursday to get the H1N1 vaccine. Outside of mass clinics, finding the shot has been difficult since the vaccine supplies are limited and high-risk groups can't find it at their local doctors' offices.

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Hundreds line up for the massive H1N1 flu vaccine clinic. Many concerned about the flu strain report that their doctors haven't gotten the vaccine.

Gov-backed school funds bill faces fight

Clinton Township — Gov. Jennifer Granholm said Thursday she'd sign a measure the House passed Thursday that would use stimulus money to help lessen school cuts. But the measure faces Republican opposition in the Senate.

The House-approved supplemental school aid appropriations bill would use federal stimulus funds to give back most of a \$127-per-student cut ordered by Granholm on Oct. 23 because tax receipts that feed the school aid fund are down due to the failing economy.

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Chrysler's ambitious plans draw doubts

A day after Chrysler Group LLC laid out its five-year business plan, some analysts and experts are questioning the aggressive benchmarks the automaker has set. Chief among the concerns is the company's plan to increase its market share from 9 percent this year to 13 percent in 2014.

Columnist Daniel Howes weighs in, saying Chrysler is coming late to the race.

BUSINESS, 14A

MSU, U-M stave off cuts to athletics

Nationally, the financial health of college athletics is at risk. A number of universities and athletic conferences are reducing opportunities for student athletes. But despite the long, deep recession, Michigan State University and University of Michigan officials are holding economic hardship at bay and keeping programs intact. Athletics at both universities are thriving.

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