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**IN BRIEF**



**Aggie grads look on to life after A&M**

This weekend marks the end of thousands of students' time at Texas A&M University. Over 3,700 Aggies will don their cap and gowns and head to their ceremonies at Reed Arena.

From the various schools such as the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Mays Business School, many will be thinking about their plans post graduation, including former professional football player Michael Lewis Montgomery.

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**Scott & White signs merger with Baylor**

Scott & White Healthcare has announced its plans to merge with Baylor Health Care System, creating Texas' largest not-for-profit health system.

The merged systems, governed by a single board composed of representatives of both organizations, will be dubbed Baylor Scott & White Health and will include 42 hospitals, over 350 patient care sites, more than 4,000 physicians, 34,000 employees and the Scott & White Health Plan.

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**Obama's stance on pot laws still hazy**

President Barack Obama's comments Friday did not clarify to officials and pot advocates whether or not the White House will sue to block legal pot laws in Washington state and Colorado.

Pot advocates say they are wary since previous statements from the administration that it wouldn't go after individual medical marijuana users were followed by crackdowns on dispensaries and others who grew and sold the pot.

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**I'M SMILING BECAUSE...**



"I got a great deal shopping today."

**JIM CALDWELL**  
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**CONNECTICUT SHOOTING**

# Heartwrenching

**20 elementary students, 6 adults killed in massacre**

**Second-deadliest U.S. school shooting**



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 that left 20 children and 6 adults dead.

Newtown Bee photo by Shannon Hicks

## Connecticut tragedy stuns, saddens nation

By **JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN**  
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside an elementary school, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters cowered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

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 claimed 33 lives in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings, saying, "As a country, we have been through this too many times."

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was

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AP photo

A victim's family leaves a firehouse staging area following the shooting.

## Suspect was an honors student, 'one of the goths'

By **JASON KEYSER**  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He was an honors student who lived in a prosperous neighborhood with his mother, a well-liked woman who enjoyed hosting dice games and decorating the house for the holidays.

Now Adam Lanza is suspected of killing his mother and then

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**Online:** For more on the shooting, go [theeagle.com](http://theeagle.com)

## Delays continue in murder trial

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The capital murder trial of John Ray Falk Jr. likely won't resume until the new year as prosecutors Friday were granted their second emergency stay to halt the proceedings — this time by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The trial was put on hold nearly two weeks ago when the state 10th Court of Appeals ordered a stay while it reviewed a writ

of mandamus filed by prosecutors challenging the trial judge's instructions to jurors.

That writ was denied Wednesday, which prompted prosecutors to seek relief Friday from the Court of Criminal Appeals, the



FALK

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## Playing for the title



Navasota's Terrance Creeks gets the crowd pumped up Friday during the Rattlers' playoff matchup against Bellville in Waller. Navasota beat Bellville 24-7, earning a spot in the state championship game, which will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Cameron won its playoff game against Newton 39-22. The Yoemen will also play on Friday in Arlington. For more on the games, see Sports, C1.

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