

Chicago Kids Escorted To New Schools

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of Chicago children whose schools were shuttered last spring walked to new ones on the first day of school Monday under the watchful eye of police officers and newly hired safety guards there to provide protection as the kids crossed unfamiliar streets — many of them gang boundaries.

No incidents of trouble were reported, police said. While that didn't surprise parents and grandparents, they said they were still concerned that the city's obvious show of first-day force won't keep their children safe in the weeks and months to come.

"I think it's just show-and-tell right now," said Annie Stovall, who walked her granddaughter, 9-year-old Kayla Porter, to Gresham Elementary School, which is about five blocks farther from home than Kayla's previous South Side school. "Five, six weeks down the road, let's see what's going to happen."

Kathy Miller stood in front of Gresham Elementary with her three children, waiting for a bus that would take them to another school. She scoffed at the Safe Passage program, in which guards clad in neon vests line Chicago streets, saying it won't be long before brightly colored signs announcing the program's routes will be riddled with bullets.

"Those signs don't mean nothing," she said.

Egypt Groups Seek Truce With Military

CAIRO (AP) — Two former militant groups offered to call off street protests if the government agrees to ease its pressure on Islamists, a move that underscores how a onetime strong Islamist movement is now bowing to an unprecedented crackdown by security authorities.

The proposal comes after the military rounded up hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood leaders and other Islamists in the wake of the country's worst bout of violence, which followed the Aug. 14 clearing of two sprawling sit-in camps housing protesters calling for the reinstatement of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected leader.

Trial opened for the Brotherhood's supreme leader Mohammed Badie and two other senior officials on Sunday on charges of inciting the murder of anti-Morsi protesters on June 30, the anniversary of his inauguration when millions took to the street to call on him to step down. The first day of their trial coincided with the retrial of ex-Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, who was ousted in a popular uprising in 2011, over similar charges.

Critics say the truce proposal reflects cracks within the Islamist alliance led by the Brotherhood, with much of its leadership either imprisoned or on the run.

Medal Of Honor Awarded To Afghan Vet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama bestowed nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, on Army Staff Sgt. Ty Carter on Monday, saluting the veteran of the war in Afghanistan as "the essence of true heroism," one still engaged in a battle against the lingering emotional fallout of war.

Carter risked his life to save an injured soldier, resupply ammunition to his comrades and render first aid during intense fighting in a remote mountain outpost four years ago.

"As these soldiers and families will tell you, they're a family forged in battle, and loss, and love," Obama said as Carter stood at his side and members of his unit watched in the White House East Room.

Then as an Army specialist, Carter sprinted from his barracks into a ferocious firefight, a day-long battle on Oct. 3, 2009, that killed eight of his fellow soldiers as they tried to defend their outpost — at the bottom of a valley and surrounded by high mountains — from the onslaught of a much larger force of Taliban and local fighters.

Still suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, Carter stood nearly emotionless during the ceremony, although a faint smile crossed his face near the end that turned into a broad grin as Obama hung the medal and its blue ribbon around his neck and the audience — which included 40 members of the recipient's family — answered with a rousing standing ovation.

\$2M Bail Set In Death Of WWII Veteran

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A 16-year-old Spokane boy was ordered held on \$2 million bail Monday and will be tried as an adult in connection with last week's beating death of an 88-year-old World War II veteran. A second teen was arrested in the case early Monday morning.

Demetrius L. Glenn is charged with first-degree murder and first-degree robbery in Spokane County District Court, and made an initial court appearance Monday afternoon. The charges carry a potential life sentence.

District Judge Richard Leland, presiding over a packed courtroom, said the brutality of the attack and vulnerability of the victim make the high bail proper.

Glenn had turned himself in Thursday night, the same day Army veteran Delbert Belton died of his injuries.

The slightly built youth gave yes and no answers to questions from the judge, but otherwise said nothing.

Defense attorney Chris Phelps noted after the hearing that the case has gone viral on the Internet, with many people expressing strong opinions.

"The evidence doesn't indicate what happened," Phelps said, adding that eyewitnesses only reported "two kids running away."

Western Wildfires

SF Water Source Threatened

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF AND TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

TUOLUMNE CITY, Calif. — A raging wildfire in Yosemite National Park rained ash on the reservoir that is the chief source of San Francisco's famously pure drinking water, and utility officials Monday scrambled to send more water toward the metropolitan area before it becomes tainted.

Nearly 3,700 firefighters battled the approximately 230-square-mile blaze, the biggest wildfire on record in California's Sierra Nevada. They reported modest progress, saying the fire was 15 percent contained.

"We're not there yet, but we're starting to get a little bit of a handle on this thing," said Lee Bentley, fire spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. "It's been a real tiger. He's been going around trying to bite its own tail, and it won't let go but we'll get there."

Utility officials monitored the clarity of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and used a massive new \$4.6 billion gravity-operated pipeline system to move water quickly to reservoirs closer to the big city. The Hetch Hetchy supplies water to 2.6 million people in the San Francisco Bay area, 150 miles away.

"We're taking advantage that the water we're receiving is still of good quality," said Harlan Kelly Jr., general manager of the city's Public Utilities Commission. "We're bringing down as much water as possible and replenishing all of the local reservoirs."

At the same time, utility officials gave assurances that they have a six-month supply of water in reservoirs near the Bay area.

So far the ash that has been raining onto the Hetch Hetchy has not sunk as far as the intake valves, which are about halfway down the 300-foot O'Shaughnessy Dam. Utility officials said that the ash is non-toxic but that the city will begin filtering water for customers if problems are detected. That could cost more.

On Monday the fire was still several miles away from the steep granite canyon where the reservoir is nestled, but several spot fires were burning closer, and firefighters were protecting hydroelectric



ELIAS FUNEZ/MODESTO BEE/MCT
Big Bear firefighter Jon Curtis keeps a close eye on a "slop over" fire that jumped Highway 120 just east of Hardin Flat Road while fighting the Rim Fire, which continues to conflagrate uncontrolled in the Stanislaus National Forest in California Saturday.

transmission lines and other utility facilities.

"Obviously we're paying close attention to the city's water supply," said Glen Stratton, an operations chief on the fire suppression team.

Power generation at the reservoir was shut down last week so that firefighters would not be imperiled by live wires. San Francisco is buying replacement power from other sources to run City Hall and other municipal buildings.

It has been at least 17 years since fire ravaged the northernmost stretch of Yosemite that is under siege.

Park officials cleared brush and set sprinklers on two groves of giant sequoias that were seven to 10 miles away from the fire's front lines, said park spokesman Scott Gediman. While sequoias have a chemical in their bark to help them resist fire, they can be damaged when flames move through slowly.

The fire has swept through steep Sierra Nevada river canyons and stands of thick oak and pine, closing in on Tuolumne City and other mountain communities. It has confounded ground crews

with its 300-foot walls of flame and the way it has jumped from treetop to treetop.

Crews bulldozed two huge firebreaks to try to protect Tuolumne City, five miles from the fire's edge.

"We've got hundreds of firefighters staged in town to do structure protection," Stratton said. "If the fire does come to town, we're ready."

Meanwhile, biologists with the Forest Service are studying the effect on wildlife. Much of the area that has burned is part of the state's winter-range deer habitat. Biologist Crispin Holland said most of the large deer herds would still be well above the fire danger.

Biologists discovered stranded Western pond turtles on national forest land near the edge of Yosemite. Their marshy meadow had burned, and the surviving creatures were huddled in the middle of the expanse in what little water remained.

"We're hoping to deliver some water to those turtles," Holland said. "We might also drag some brush in to give them cover."

Fort Hood Shootings

Testimony Heard In Sentencing Phase

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK AND NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A soldier left for dead after being shot in the head. A widow whose two sons won't have their father to take them fishing or teach them how to be gentlemen. A grieving father who includes himself and his unborn grandson in the death toll of the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood.

Survivors of the attack and relatives of those killed testified Monday during the final phase of Maj. Nidal Hasan's trial. Prosecutors hope the emotional testimony — from sobbing widows, distraught parents and paralyzed soldiers — helps convince jurors to impose a rare military death sentence on Hasan, who was convicted last week of killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 others at the Texas military base.

The sentencing phase

also will be Hasan's last chance to tell jurors what he's spent the last four years telling the military, judges and journalists: that the killing of unarmed American soldiers preparing to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan was necessary to protect Muslim insurgents. But whether he plans to address jurors remains unclear.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Ziegler was among the first to testify, telling jurors how he was shot four times and underwent emergency surgery that removed about 20 percent of his brain. Doctors initially expected him to die or remain in a vegetative state.

Ziegler was hospitalized for about 11 months and had 10 surgeries. He is now paralyzed on his left side, unable to use his left hand, and blind spots in both eyes prevent him from driving.

"I think I'm hopeful I'll continue to recover some movement, but eventually I'll succumb to my wounds and I won't be able to function,"

Ziegler said.

The married father said he has trouble caring for his 10-month-old son, "like a normal father would," and described his cognitive level as that of a 10th or 11th grader. He also said he has fought severe depression.

"I'm a lot angrier and lot darker than I used to be," he said, adding that the injuries had "pretty much affected every facet of my personality."

Shoua Her wiped away tears as she recalled how she and her husband, Pfc. Kham Xiong, talked about growing old together and

having more children. Now, she said, their children know their slain father only through memories and stories.

"We had talked about how excited we were to purchase our first home. We talked about vacations and places we wanted to go visit. And all that was stripped away from me," she said.

"Our daughter will not have her dad to walk her down the aisle. My two sons will never have their dad to take them fishing or (teach them) sports or how to be a gentleman."

OBITUARIES

Hilray Bartels

Hilray Bartels, 85, died August 24, 2013. Services will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

at the Viborg Funeral Home.

Hilray was born August 6, 1928 in rural Davis to Martin and Minnie (Wildeboar) Bartels. He was baptized in the Chancellor Baptist Church where he was a life long member. He was inducted into the military on May 25, 1951 and served during the Korean War. He was awarded the Korean Service medal and 2 bronze service stars. He was discharged from the U. S. Army on March 21, 1953. Hilray married Marlene Christopherson on January 20, 1956 and to this union 5 beautiful daughters were born. They farmed in the Hurley and Davis area until moving to Marlene's homeplace near Viborg. Hilray was very mechanically inclined and would help any one that had



Bartels

trouble. He was fluent in the German and Korean languages. He loved his family, working on the farm and all animals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers Harm and Eppo, 1 sister Irene Belts and a grandson Aaron Almond.

Hilray is survived by his wife Marlene of Viborg; 5 daughters Valerie (Al) Branson of Sioux Falls, Ardell (Steven) Hauger of Irene, Laura (Gene) Ruzicka of Mission Hill, Carol (Kevin) Kotalik of Tripp, and Audra (Roger) Hovorka of Tabor; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 sister Lydia Elcock of Freeman; and other relatives and friends.

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Bonadyne

'Bonnie' Dirks

Bonadyne "Bonnie" Dirks, 90, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

Funeral Services are at 1

p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge, Neb., with the Rev. Katherine Russell officiating. Burial will be in the Belden Cemetery.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge.

Joan Harrison

Joan M. Harrison, 77, of Yankton died early Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at the South Dakota Human Services Center, Yankton.

Graveside services are at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Yankton City Cemetery, Yankton, with the Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

John Hiltner

John Joseph Hiltner, 85, of Yankton died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at his home in Yankton surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church.

To send an online sympathy card, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Tommy Knudsen

Funeral services for Tommy Knudsen, 65, formerly of Niobrara, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Niobrara.

Tommy died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at Central Care in Central City, Neb.



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