

Push For Personalized Guns Stirs Up Past

NEW YORK (AP) — It sounds, at first, like a bold, next-generation solution: personalizing guns with technology that keeps them from firing if they ever get into the wrong hands.

But when the White House called for pushing ahead with such new technology as part of President Obama's plan to cut gun violence, the administration did not mention the concept's embattled past. As with so much else in the nation's long-running divisions over gun rights and regulation, what sounds like a futuristic vision is, in fact, an idea that has been kicked around for years, sidelined by intense suspicion, doubts about feasibility and pressure tactics.

Now proponents of so-called personalized or smart guns are hoping the nation's renewed attention on firearms following the Newtown school massacre will kick start research and sale of safer weapons. But despite the Obama administration's promise to "encourage the development of innovative gun safety technology," advocates have good reason to be wary.

In the fiery debate over guns, personalized weapons have long occupied particularly shaky ground — an idea criticized both by gun-rights groups and some gun control advocates.

To the gun groups, the idea of using technology to control who can fire a gun smacks of a limitation on personal rights, particularly if it might be mandated by government. At the same time, some gun control advocates worry that such technology, by making guns appear falsely safe, would encourage Americans to stock up on even more weapons than they already have in their homes.

Holocaust Memorial Displays Personal Items

JERUSALEM (AP) — When Stella Knobel's family fled World War II Poland in 1939, the only thing the 7-year-old girl could take with her was her teddy bear. For the next six years, the stuffed animal never left her side as the family wandered through the Soviet Union, to Iran and finally the Holy Land.

"He was like family. He was all I had. He knew all my secrets," the 80-year-old said with a smile. "I saved him all these years. But I worried what would happen to him when I died."

So when she heard about a project launched by Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, to collect artifacts from aging survivors, she reluctantly handed over her beloved bear Misiu, Polish for "teddy bear," so the memories of the era could be preserved.

"We've been through a lot together, so it was hard to let him go," said Knobel, who was widowed 12 years ago and has no children. "But here he has found a haven."

The German Nazis and their collaborators murdered 6 million Jews during World War II. In addition to rounding up Jews and shipping them to death camps, the Nazis also confiscated their possessions and stole their valuables, leaving little behind. Those who survived often had just a small item or two they managed to keep. Many have clung to the sentimental objects ever since.

Study: Distant Rural Areas May Feel Cities' Heat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heat rising up from cities such as New York, Paris and Tokyo might be remotely warming up winters far away in some rural parts of Alaska, Canada, and Siberia, a surprising study theorizes.

In an unusual twist, that same urban heat from buildings and cars may be slightly cooling the autumns in much of the Western United States, Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, according to the study published Sunday in the scientific journal Nature Climate Change.

Meteorologists long have known that cities are warmer than rural areas, with the heat of buildings and cars, along with asphalt and roofs that absorb heat. That's called the urban heat island effect and it's long been thought that the heat stayed close to the cities.

But the study, based on a computer model and the Northern Hemisphere, now suggests the heat does something else, albeit indirectly. It travels about half a mile up into the air and then its energy changes the high-altitude currents in the atmosphere that dictate prevailing weather.

"Basically, it changes the flow," said Guang Zhang of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif. He wrote the paper with Aixue Hu at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

This doesn't change overall global temperature averages significantly, unlike man-made greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Instead it redistributes some of the heat, the scientists said.

Fire At Brazil Club Kills More Than 230

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 Associated Press

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Flames raced through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil early Sunday, killing more than 230 people as panicked partygoers gasped for breath in the smoke-filled air, stampeding toward a single exit partially blocked by those already dead. It appeared to be the world's deadliest nightclub fire in more than a decade.

Witnesses said a flare or firework lit by band members started the blaze in Santa Maria, a university city of about 225,000 people, though officials said the cause was still under investigation.

Television images showed smoke pouring out of the Kiss nightclub as shirtless young men who had attended a university party joined firefighters using axes and sledgehammers to pound at windows and walls to free those trapped inside.

Guido Pedrosa Melo, commander of the city's fire department, told the O Globo newspaper that firefighters had a hard time getting inside the club because "there was a barrier of bodies blocking the entrance."

Teenagers sprinted from the scene desperately seeking help. Others carried injured and burned friends away in their arms.

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people to get out, there were so many dead," survivor Luana Santos Silva told the Globo TV network.

The fire spread so fast inside the packed club that firefighters and ambulances could do little to stop it, Silva said.

Another survivor, Michele Pereira, told the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper that she was near the stage when members of the band lit flares that started the conflagration.

"The band that was onstage began to use flares and, suddenly, they stopped the show and pointed them upward," she said. "At that point, the ceiling caught fire. It was really weak, but in a matter of seconds it spread."

Guitarist Rodrigo Martins told Radio Gaucha that the band, Gurizada Fandangueira, started playing at 2:15 a.m. "and we had played around five songs when I looked up and noticed the roof was burning"

"It might have happened because of the Sputnik, the machine we use to create a luminous effect with sparks. It's harmless, we

Egypt Declares State Of Emergency In 3 Provinces

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
 Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's president declared a state of emergency and curfew in three Suez Canal provinces hit hardest by a weekend wave of unrest that left more than 50 dead, using tactics of the ousted regime to get a grip on discontent over his Islamist policies and the slow pace of change.

Angry and almost screaming, Mohammed Morsi vowed in a televised address on Sunday night that he would not hesitate to take even more action to stem the latest eruption of violence across much of the country. But at the same time, he sought to reassure Egyptians that his latest moves would not plunge the country back into authoritarianism.

"There is no going back on freedom, democracy and the supremacy of the law," he said.

The worst violence this weekend was in the Mediterranean coastal city of Port Said, where seven peo-



Morsi

ple were killed on Sunday, pushing the toll for two days of clashes to at least 44. The unrest was sparked on Saturday by a court conviction and death sentence for 21 defendants involved in a mass soccer riot in the city's main stadium on Feb. 1, 2012 that left 74 dead.

Most of those sentenced to death were local soccer fans from Port Said, deepening a sense of persecution that Port Said's residents have felt since the stadium disaster, the worst soccer violence ever in Egypt.

At least another 11 died on Friday elsewhere in the country during rallies marking the second anniversary of the anti-Mubarak uprising. Protesters used the occasion to renounce Morsi and his Islamic fundamentalist group, the Muslim Brotherhood, which emerged as the

country's most dominant political force after Mubarak's ouster.

The curfew and state of emergency, both in force for 30 days, affect the provinces of Port Said, Ismailiya and Suez. The curfew takes effect Monday from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day.

Morsi, in office since June, also invited the nation's political forces to a dialogue starting Monday to resolve the country's latest crisis. A statement issued later by his office said that among those invited were the country's top reform leader, Nobel peace Laureate Mohammed ElBaradei, former Arab League chief Amr Moussa and Hamdeen Sabahi, a leftist politician who finished third in last year's presidential race.

The three are leaders of the National Salvation Front, an umbrella for the main opposition parties.

Khaled Dawoud, the Front's spokesman, said Morsi's invitation was meaningless unless he clearly states what is on the agenda. That, he added, must include amending a disputed constitution hurriedly

drafted by the president's Islamist allies and rejected by the opposition.

He also faulted the president for not acknowledging his political responsibility for the latest bout of political violence.

"It is all too little too late," he told The Associated Press.

In many ways, Morsi's decree and his call for a dialogue betrayed his despair in the face of wave after wave of political unrest, violence and man-made disasters that, at times, made the country look like it was about to come unglued.

A relative unknown until his Muslim Brotherhood nominated him to run for president last year, Morsi is widely criticized for having offered no vision for the country's future after nearly 30 years of dictatorship under Mubarak and no coherent policy to tackle seemingly endless problems, from a free falling economy and deeply entrenched social injustices to surging crime and chaos on the streets.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Nielsen

Funeral services for Eleanor J. Nielsen, age 110, of Bloomfield, Nebraska, will be 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield. Reverend Tim Koester will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. until service time at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. A luncheon will follow at the Bloomfield Community Center.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Eleanor died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Eleanor J. (Wrede) Nielsen, daughter of John and Anna (Guenther) Wrede, was born January 26, 1903, at West Point, Nebraska. Eleanor had three sisters and one brother. She attended elementary school at Creighton, Nebraska, and high school in Crofton, Nebraska, until the family moved to Bloomfield when Eleanor was 17. She worked for the Bloomfield Telephone Company until her marriage.

Eleanor married Oluf P. "Pete" Nielsen on August 14, 1937 at West Point. The couple was blessed with one child, Wendell John Nielsen, who passed away at 18 months of age. Eleanor and her husband owned and oper-

ated Nielsen Chevrolet in Bloomfield for many years, retiring in 1955.

Eleanor learned to play the piano in grade school, and enjoyed playing throughout her life. Up until about five years ago when arthritis set in, she still was playing waltzes and Mozart. As a youngster, Eleanor enjoyed barn dances and music. She even was asked to play the piano at a dance once because the orchestra didn't show up.

Eleanor stayed in Bloomfield until she was 108, living on her own until 2010, at which point she moved into an assisted living facility in Bloomfield. Then in 2011, Eleanor fell and broke her hip, and moved to Heritage of Bel Air in Norfolk, Nebraska. She was active at Heritage of Bel Air, participating in bingo, music, and exercise.

Eleanor was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Bloomfield, was a member of the Eastern Star, and the Rolling Hills Country Club. She was involved in the Senior Citizens, Women's ELCW of St. Mark's Church, Country Club Card Group, and Garden Club. In addition to music and playing the piano, Eleanor enjoyed gardening and flowers, playing cards, and her visiting with her nieces and nephews.

Eleanor is survived by nieces and nephews, Claralynn Nielsen of Dannebrog, Nebraska, Douglas J. Wrede of Greeley, Nebraska, Bernard Wrede of Pierce, Nebraska, Maria Dierks of Columbus, Nebraska, Joe Wrede of Greeley, Nebraska, Lawrence Murphy of Yankton, South

Dakota, Dorothy Rhonstock of Vacaville, California, Olette Otremba of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Paul Nielsen of Moorhead, Minnesota, and Florence Jackson of Littleton, Colorado; and many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete; her son, Wendell; her parents; her sisters, Teresa Murphy, Marian Ehli, and Irene Collins; her brother, John C. Wrede; niece, Janice Winrich; and nephew Melvin Schwartz.

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Arnold Spadino

Arnold John Spadino of Sioux Falls, SD, died January 26, 2013, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls. He was 85.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Burial will follow at Hills of Rest Memorial Park.

Visitation will begin at noon, Monday, at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Avenue. The family will be present to greet friends one hour prior to the service on Tuesday, at the church.

During his life, Arnie owned and operated the House of Television in Sioux Falls for 44 years. He served his country in the US Navy during WWII, and has been a Shriner and an amateur radio operator and teacher in past years. He was always the first one to help family and friends in need. Arnie will always be remembered

for his easy going nature, his homespun sense of humor, and the love he had for his family and many others in his life.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 66 years, Bobbie; four children, Renee Miller, Karen Spadino (Doug), Denise Mills (Clyde), Jon Spadino (Sue); 6 grandchildren, Jami Spadino (Grant), Kari Elliott (Dan), JJ Miller (Michelle), Shelly Naser, (Shannon), Kendra Johnson (Aaron), Katlyn Spadino; eight great-grandchildren, Cody Spadino, Austin Behrens, Logan and Abby Elliott, Addison Naser, Ethan and Preston Miller and Inga Roberts. Others who have shared is life include his sister, Jackie Peterson, his sister-in-law, Emma Jensen, and many other nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Kent Wintersteen

Kent Wintersteen, 83, Olivet died at Oak View Terrace, Freeman, on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013.

Funeral services are pending with the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno.

Betty Jensen

Betty Jean Jensen, 84, of Vermillion, the wife of Norman Jensen, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

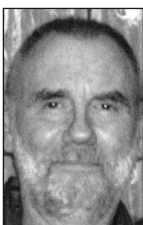
Fredrick Nelsen

Fredrick Raymond Nelsen, age 62, of Yankton, SD died Thursday, January 24, 2013 at home.

Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Rick Slattery officiating.

Visitations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Fredrick was born March 22, 1950 in Grand Rapids, MI to Jerome and Donna (Balgooen) Nelsen. He graduated from Richmond High School in Richmond, IN in 1968. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, served for three years and was honorably discharged on August 18, 1971. Fred married Susan Burgers on May 30, 1972. In 1975, he graduated from Cuyahoga Community College as a Physician's Assistant. He worked for Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, WI and then for the Federal Bureau



Nelsen

Vermillion, SD, and Samuel (Jacy) Nelsen of Vermillion, SD; three grandchildren: Cody, Kinley and Kale; sisters, Susan Browning of Severn, MD and Patricia Heywood of Spokane, WA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Donna Nelsen.

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