

Famed Images Of Vietnam War In Exhibit

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — They were the images that communicated the horrors of war in ways words could not.

They were so much more than just photographs, Vietnam's president said Thursday, recalling black-and-white images he said he will never forget from the war that ended 40 years ago: A Buddhist monk consumed by flames in a fiery suicide. A screaming Vietnamese child running down a road naked, as her skin burns from a napalm attack.

"They gave the whole world a full picture of what was going on in Vietnam," President Truong Tan Sang told The Associated Press ahead of an exhibit of the AP's wartime photographs in Hanoi. "I believe these photos made an enormous contribution to bringing the war in Vietnam to an end."

"Vietnam: The Real War," a collection of 58 photographs taken by the AP, opens to the public Friday, marking a homecoming that officials say is historic and an emblem of changing times. Forty years after the war ended, it is the first time that the collection is being exhibited in Vietnam, where the conflict is called the "American War."

AP's Saigon bureau won six Pulitzer Prizes for its Vietnam coverage, including four for photography. All four are on display among prize-winning works by more than 20 photographers, whose images are part of the news cooperative's archive with tens of thousands of wartime photographs.

Louisiana Seeks Conviction Of Panther

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana's attorney general is insisting on a third trial for the last of the "Angola Three," calling the prison activist who spent decades in solitary confinement after the killing of a guard in 1972 "the most dangerous person on the planet."

A federal judge ruled this week that Albert Woodfox must be freed immediately, saying the state has never proved — and never will — that he was responsible for the stabbing death of Brent Miller 43 years ago.

So what exactly does the state have on this armed robber who organized a Black Panther Party chapter to challenge the brutal conditions inside the sprawling Louisiana State Penitentiary?

Woodfox's long-simmering story has been the subject of documentaries, Peabody Award-winning journalism, United Nations human rights reviews and even a theatrical play. It's a staggering tale of inconsistencies, witness recants, rigged jury pools, out-of-control prison violence, racial prejudice and political intrigue.

And none of it has brought justice to Miller's widow, Teenie Rogers, who did her own investigating and says there's no evidence that Woodfox is guilty.

Colorado Shooter Asked To See Therapist

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Months before James Holmes opened fire in a Colorado movie theater, his ex-girlfriend said she urged him talk to his therapist after he mentioned having thoughts about killing people, but his thoughts "seemed very philosophical" and not a concrete threat.

Gargi Datta also testified Thursday that during their relationship, Holmes showed no interest in guns, including when they visited an outdoor store that sold weapons, and that she did not know about his meticulous plans for the July 20, 2012, attack or the arsenal he assembled.

Datta and Holmes were graduate students at the University of Colorado when they began dating during their first semester in the fall of 2011. By February 2012, she did not want anything more than a casual relationship, and the two remained "friends with benefits" until Holmes told her in early April he could not continue the relationship as friends after telling her that he loved her. After that, Datta said, she did not communicate with Holmes and only saw him in the classroom.

District Attorney George Brauchler has said Holmes' breakup with Datta was a catalyst to the shooting at a suburban Denver movie theater. He said Datta was Holmes' first romantic relationship.

Holmes has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in the attack that killed 12 people and injured 70. Prosecutors contend Holmes was sane, and they are seeking the death penalty.

Hackers Have Personnel Data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hackers stole personnel data and Social Security numbers for every federal employee, a government worker union said Thursday, saying that the cyber theft of U.S. employee information was more damaging than the Obama administration has acknowledged.

Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader, said on the Senate floor that the December hack into Office of Personnel Management data was carried out by "the Chinese" without specifying whether he meant the Chinese government or individuals. Reid is one of eight lawmakers briefed on the most secret intelligence information. U.S. officials have declined to publicly blame China, which has denied involvement.

J. David Cox, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said in a letter to OPM director Katherine Archuleta that based on the incomplete information the union received from OPM, "We believe that the Central Personnel Data File was the targeted database, and that the hackers are now in possession of all personnel data for every federal employee, every federal retiree, and up to one million former federal employees."

The OPM data file contains the records of non-military, non-intelligence executive branch employees, which covers most federal civilian employees but not, for example, members of Congress and their staffs.

The union believes the hackers stole military records and veterans' status information, address, birth date, job and pay history, health insurance, life insurance and pension information; and age, gender and race data, he said.

Man Killed Fighting Kurds Against IS

BEIRUT (AP) — The body of an American who died fighting with Kurdish forces against the Islamic State group in Syria was handed over on Thursday to his family at a Turkish border crossing, a Kurdish official said.

Hundreds of people turned up in the Kurdish town of Kobani to bid farewell to Keith Broomfield before his body was handed over to family at the Mursitpinar gate, said Idriss Naasan.

Broomfield, from Massachusetts, died on June 3 in battle in a Syrian village near Kobani, making him likely the first U.S. citizen to die fighting alongside Kurds against the Islamic State group.

He had joined the People's Protection Units known as the YPG on Feb. 24 under the nom de guerre Gelhat Rumet. The YPG are the main Kurdish guerrilla battling the Islamic State group in Syria.

The U.S. Department of State confirmed Broomfield's death Wednesday but declined to provide any details about the circumstances.

Evidence To Charge Cleveland Police

CLEVELAND (AP) — A judge said Thursday that enough evidence exists to charge two white policemen in the fatal shooting of a 12-year-old black boy who was holding a pellet gun, a largely symbolic ruling because he can't compel prosecutors to charge them.

Municipal Court Judge Ronald Adrine ruled there's probable cause to charge officer Timothy Loehmann with murder, involuntary manslaughter, reckless homicide or dereliction of duty in the shooting death of Tamir Rice. And he ruled there's evidence to charge Loehmann's partner, Frank Garmback, with reckless homicide or dereliction of duty.

The judge made his ruling after activists submitted affidavits asking the court to rule there's enough evidence to charge the officers in Tamir's death, which has spurred protests and complaints about treatment of blacks.

"This court reaches its conclusions consistent with the facts in evidence and the standard of proof that applies at this time," the judge wrote.

The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department recently completed its investigation and gave its file to the county prosecutor, whose staff is reviewing the case while preparing to take it to a grand jury to determine if criminal charges should be filed.

Prison Break

Investigators: Employee Was In On Escape Plot

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DANNEMORA, N.Y. — Investigators believe a female prison employee had agreed to be the getaway driver in last weekend's escape by two killers but never showed up, a person close to the case told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The manhunt, meanwhile, dragged into a sixth day with a renewed burst of activity by searchers in the woods close to the prison after bloodhounds were said to have picked up the convicts' scent. And Gov. Andrew Cuomo said investigators are also "talking to several people who may have facilitated the escape."

David Sweat, 34, and Richard Matt, 48, used power tools to cut through steel and bricks and crawled through an underground steam pipe, emerging from a manhole outside the 40-foot walls of the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, about 20 miles south of the Canadian border, authorities said.

The person close to the investigation said authorities believe Joyce Mitchell — an instructor at the prison tailor shop, where the two convicts worked — had befriended the men and was supposed to pick them up Saturday morning, but didn't.

The person said that was one reason

the manhunt was focused so close to the prison. The person was not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mitchell has not been charged. Her son Tobey Mitchell told NBC on Wednesday that she checked herself into a hospital with chest pains Saturday. He said she would not have helped the inmates escape.

A longtime neighbor also was stunned by the suspicions swirling around Mitchell.

"I just can't believe she'd do something so stupid," neighbor Sharon Currier said. She said Mitchell is always happy to help people, but she's "not somebody who's off the wall."

She said Mitchell is a former town tax collector in Dickinson, a community near Dannemora. Quick with a laugh and skilled at sewing, she has worked for five or more years at the prison, where her also husband works, Currier said.

Hundreds of police using dogs and helicopters blocked off a main road and concentrated their search on a swampy area just a couple of miles from the prison. Schools were closed, and residents received automated calls warning them to lock their doors, close their windows and leave outside lights on.

The governor said that investigators had received tips that the convicts were in the area, and tracking dogs had picked up the scent Thursday morning.

But he added: "Look, they could either be four miles from the prison or they could be in Mexico. Right? So you just don't know."

State Police said they bolstered the force looking for the fugitives to 500 officers from 450 a day earlier.

Law enforcement officers walking an arm's length apart were conducting a grid search through a cordoned-off area consisting of mud, woods, thick underbrush and several houses, Sheriff David Favro said. He said there had been no reports of stolen or abandoned vehicles, break-ins or abductions.

Jennifer Hilchey-Reyell, who lives on the edge of the search area, heard low-flying helicopters all night and watched state police SUVs race by all day. She said she now carries a .22-caliber gun and relies also on her pit bull, Layla.

"My dog will slow them down, and that's all I need," she said.

Authorities suspect the inmates also had help from the inside in obtaining the power tools. Guards and other staff members have been questioned, but no one has been disciplined or charged.

Cuomo warned that the law will come down hard on those in the prison system who cross the line.

"If you do it, you will be convicted, and then you'll be on the other side of the prison that you've been policing, and that is not a pleasant place to be," he said.

Prolific British Actor Christopher Lee Dies

BY JILL LAWLESS
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LONDON — Christopher Lee, an actor who brought dramatic gravitas and aristocratic bearing to screen villains from Dracula to the wicked wizard Saruman in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, has died at age 93.

Lee appeared in more than 250 movies, taking on memorable roles such as the James Bond enemy Scaramanga and the evil Count Dooku in two "Star Wars" prequels.

But for many, he will forever be known as the vampire Count Dracula in a slew of gory, gothic British "Hammer Horror" thrillers churned out in the 1950s and 1960s that became hugely popular around the world.

He railed against the typecasting, however, and ultimately the sheer number and range of his roles — including Sherlock Holmes and the founder of Pakistan — secured his place in film history.

"I didn't have dreams of being a romantic leading man," Lee told The Associated Press in 2002. "But I dreamed of being a character actor, which I am."

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in London on Thursday issued a statement confirming that Lee died June 7. Lee's agent said his family declined to comment or provide more details.

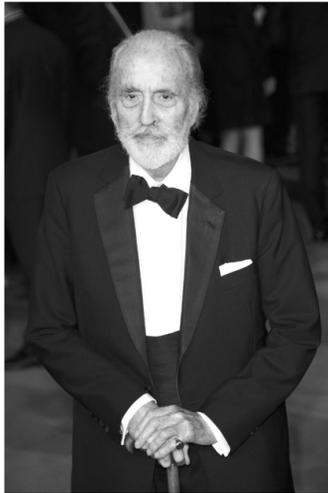
Christopher Frank Carandini Lee was born in London on May 27, 1922. His father was a British army officer who had served in the Boer War and his mother was Contessa Estelle Marie Carandini di Sarzano. His parents separated when he was young, and his mother later remarried Harcourt Rose, the uncle of James Bond creator Ian Fleming.

Lee attended Wellington College, an elite boarding school, and joined the Royal Air Force during World War II. Poor eyesight prevented him from becoming a pilot, and he served as an intelligence officer in North Africa and Italy.

After the war, the 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) Lee was signed to a contract with Britain's Rank studio, and spent the next decade playing minor roles in a series of formulaic pictures. He also appeared briefly in Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" in 1948 along with his future Hammer costar, Peter Cushing.

He launched his horror career in 1957, starring as the monster in Hammer's "The Curse of Frankenstein." In 1958, Lee made his first appearance as the famous vampire in "Dracula," opposite Cushing's Van Helsing.

Film critic Matthew Sweet said Lee



Christopher Lee attends the world premiere of *Skyfall* at Royal Albert Hall in London on Oct. 23, 2012.

brought a sensuality to the role that fit with the newly permissive times. While Bela Lugosi, the definitive 1930s Dracula, "postures and glides, Lee is rough and muscular," Sweet wrote in 2007.

"Lee's performance convinced a generation of scholars that Dracula was a book about sex, and not about vampires," Sweet said.

Lee went on to play the Transylvanian vampire in sequels including "Dracula: Prince of Darkness," "Dracula Has Risen From the Grave," "Taste the Blood of Dracula," "Scars of Dracula" and "Dracula A.D. 1972" — an ill-advised attempt to update the series to 1970s London.

Lee was wary of being typecast, and later said the studio practically blackmailed him into continuing to appear.

He held out for eight years after the first Dracula film before appearing in "Dracula: Prince of Darkness," in which he stars but has no lines.

In 2006, Lee told the BBC that his reaction to reading the script for the film was, "I'm not saying any of these lines. It's impossible. They're ridiculous."

"That's why I don't speak in the film," he said.

During this period, Lee played non-vampiric roles in Hammer's "The Devil Rides Out," "The Mummy," "Rasputin, the Mad Monk" and "The Hound of the Baskervilles," and starred as mustachi-

oed master criminal Fu Manchu in a series of low-budget thrillers. His last film for Hammer was "The Devil a Daughter" in 1976.

Starting in the 1970s, Lee tried to shake off the Hammer mantle. He played the villain in "The Man With the Golden Gun" and appeared in non-Hammer horror films. The most distinguished was 1973's "The Wicker Man," a cult classic in which Lee played the lord of a Scottish pagan community troubled by the appearance of an inquisitive police officer.

Lee appeared in so many movies that he acknowledged he couldn't remember them all.

"And certainly some of them you want to forget," he said in 2002.

An energetic man who listed his hobbies in "Who's Who" as "travel, opera, golf, cricket," Lee never retired. His career flourished late in life, with roles in some of the best-loved of film franchises. He also branched out into music, and released a heavy metal album to mark his 92nd birthday just last year.

Eva Juel Hammerich, a producer in Copenhagen, Denmark, who was expecting to film with Lee later this year, said she was shocked at the loss.

"Honestly we don't know what to do," she said. "You can find another person to interpret a role but it will be done in a different way."

The actor became Sir Christopher Lee when he was knighted in October 2009, receiving the honor from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

Lee said at that time that "although I've played a lot of bad guys, there's more scope than being the man in the white hat."

Lee also appeared in several films by Tim Burton, including "Sleepy Hollow" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and was proud of his turn as Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, in "Jinnah."

Lee felt his gift for comedy was underappreciated. He was proud to have hosted the popular U.S. sketch show "Saturday Night Live" in 1978 and told the BBC that his greatest regret was turning down the part that went to Leslie Nielsen in the slapstick comedy "Airplane."

"A lot of people, including the casting directors, have no idea that when I lived in America half of the films I did were comedies," he said in 2006. "They have no idea that I hosted 'Saturday Night Live.' They don't seem to be interested."

Lee married Birgit Kroencke in 1961. Their daughter, Christina, was born in 1963.

Boston Mayor Creates Gender-Neutral Bathrooms

BY STEVE LEBLANC
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BOSTON — Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has signed an executive order creating gender-neutral restrooms inside City Hall.

The two single-stall restrooms are located on the fifth floor of the building outside the mayor's office and city council chamber, and traditional restrooms continue to be available in the building.

A sign posted outside the gender-neutral restroom, appearing in a Boston Globe photo Thursday, says: "This restroom may be used by any person regardless of gender identity or expression."

Boston is among the first cities in New England to institute gender-neutral restrooms in their city halls, the mayor said. He said a range of people aren't comfortable using gender-specific bathrooms and the change will create a welcoming environment for city hall workers and visitors.

The bathrooms with "private, non-gendered" stalls can also help disabled residents who have personal attendants

of a different gender and parents with children of a different gender who might experience misunderstanding when using gender-specific bathrooms, he said.

"Today marks a historic moment in Boston," Walsh said in a written statement. "Boston thrives on diversity, and is an inclusive city."

Also Thursday, Attorney General Maura Healey announced a new policy she said will protect transgender and gender non-conforming people working for or interacting with her office.

The policy allows any member of the public visiting her office to use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity, regardless of their assigned birth sex. The policy also bars any employee of the Attorney General's Office from discriminating against or treating anyone differently on the basis of his or her gender identity.

Healey said she's also requiring that anyone working, volunteering or visiting her office "shall be referred to by the name, gender designation, and pronoun preferred by the individual, regardless of the individual's assigned birth sex."

She said under the rules workers at

her office are also barred from asking for "documentation or other information to establish or verify an individual's gender identity."

Former Gov. Deval Patrick signed a bill in 2011 protecting transgender people from discrimination in the workplace and housing by adding "gender identity and expression" to the state's civil rights laws.

Healey said her new policy is an attempt to address the fact that law signed by Patrick did not extend the state's existing public accommodations protections to transgender people — something Healey supports.

"This policy will make those obligations clear. I hope businesses across the state will follow suit, and my office is willing to be a resource for them," Healey said in a statement. "This is about creating a culture in our office where everyone is treated equally."

An aide to Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has said he backs the law signed by Patrick but doesn't support changes to the state's public accommodations law.