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LOCAL

Obama's bus trip may stop in Syracuse

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Washington — President Barack Obama plans to take a two-day bus tour across New York and Pennsylvania Aug. 22 and 23, a White House official said Monday.

The tour is to promote the president's economic plans for the middle class, the White House said. Officials said the stops on the bus tour would be announced as details become available. The president and his family are on vacation this week at Martha's Vineyard.

The tour is likely to include several cities in Upstate New York, including at least one stop in Central New York, according to a source familiar with the developing plans.

The president is considering stops in the Syracuse, Buffalo, Binghamton and Scranton areas, the source said.

In his first four years in office, Obama made several trips to Upstate New York, visiting the Albany and Buffalo areas. But he has not made any official visits to Syracuse or Central New York.

The president's tour will coincide with the start of the New York State Fair, which opens Aug. 22 and runs through Sept. 2, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo will be in Syracuse for the opening day, traditionally known as Governor's Day.

Former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton were regular visitors to the fair, starting with Hillary Clinton's first campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1999. She hosted a luncheon each year at the fair during her two terms in office.

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has continued the tradition.

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Family starts scholarship in name of man who drowned in pool

The family of a Syracuse man who drowned in a Salina pool has started raising money for a scholarship fund in his name at Onondaga Community College, where he worked.

Paul Koresko, 35, was hospitalized July 5 after friends noticed he had stopped moving in the backyard pool at 124 Exeter Ave. Koresko died July 16.

Koresko's family, writing on the Facebook page "How Paul Koresko Has

Sheriff: 'Cowardly' man left friend to die

Clay driver arrested 25 times in 25 years



One man died and one man fled from this fatal accident Sunday night on Bonstead Road in Clay. (Mike Greenlar / mgreenlar@syracuse.com)

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A Clay man on the run after a fatal crash Sunday night has been arrested at least 25 times in the past 25 years, according to The Post-Standard's archives.

Authorities are seeking the "cowardly" man who fled the scene of crash near Horseshoe Island, Sheriff Kevin Walsh said.

Glenwood E. Carr's mug shot was released by Onondaga County sheriff's deputies on Monday. The Oswego County sheriff's office also released the same mug shot from a July 12 arrest on a criminal mischief charge.

Carr, 42, had his first brush with the law in 1988 at age 16 and had been arrested 10 times before his 21st birthday, archives show. The charges ranged from felony burglary and grand



Glenwood Carr

larceny to misdemeanor criminal mischief and assault.

In 2002, he was accused of breaking in to his ex-girlfriend's apartment

in Syracuse and assaulting her current boyfriend, archives show.

In 2010, he was charged with drunken driving on Horseshoe Island Road, near the site of Sunday's fatal crash. That crash happened on Bonstead Road, at a curve along the Seneca River at the Route 481 underpass.

Carr is accused by sheriff's deputies

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A caring soul among us

Pediatric home care nurse's compassion and creativity attract national attention

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For Dea Kuiper, providing home care to sick and disabled children involves a lot more than taking temperatures and changing bandages.

Sometimes it means buying pipe insulation at the hardware store to wrap around the metal parts of a wheelchair to prevent a boy from bruising his legs. Or using duct tape to fix intravenous bags in patients' homes.

Or sitting on the edge of a dying 11-year-old Somali girl's bed to read the Koran with her aunt.

"That is home care," Kuiper said.

Kuiper, pediatric nurse case manager at VNA HomeCare of Syracuse, is in the running for the title of national "Home Care & Hospice Nurse of the Year." She was initially picked to represent New York state in the competition, then selected as one of 10 finalists for the national honor.

The competition is sponsored by the National Association of Home Care & Hospice. The winner will be determined by the association and the general public, who can vote online for the candidate of their choice through today. The winner will be announced at the association's annual meeting this fall in Washington, D.C.

The VNA is excited about Kuiper's nomination because it is shining a spotlight on pediatric home care, an often overlooked part of the home care system, said Kate Rolf,

HOW TO VOTE

Today is the last day to vote for Dea Kuiper in the Home Care & Hospice Nurse of the Year Award.

Go to:
nahc.org/consumer-information/2013-nurse-of-the-year-nominees

and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

the VNA's president and CEO.

The VNA has a team of five nurses who provide home care to 150 to 200 children in Onondaga County, many of them with complex needs. They range from premature babies just discharged from the neonatal intensive care unit to teenagers with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Some need home care for a few weeks, others need it indefinitely. The agency is expanding the service to neighboring counties.

Rolf said Kuiper has a knack for putting people at ease when she enters their homes.

"Her heart is filled with love and compassion and the desire to make sure every single patient knows they are special," Rolf said.

Kuiper has been caring for Davis Culhane, 20, of Manlius, for nine years. Culhane has cerebral palsy and cannot feed or bathe himself. He needs total care and



Nurse Dea Kuiper says she and patient Fardowsa Suleiman "... spoke from our souls to each other." (VNA HomeCare/Charles Wainwright)

has multiple medical issues.

"Dea is like family to us," said Anne Culhane, Davis' mother. "She goes way beyond the call of her job."

Kuiper sometimes stops by at the Culhane's house on her way home from work or on the weekend. Davis lights up when he sees her, Culhane said.

"She cares about him and he knows it," she said. Many of the children Kuiper

cares for are refugees.

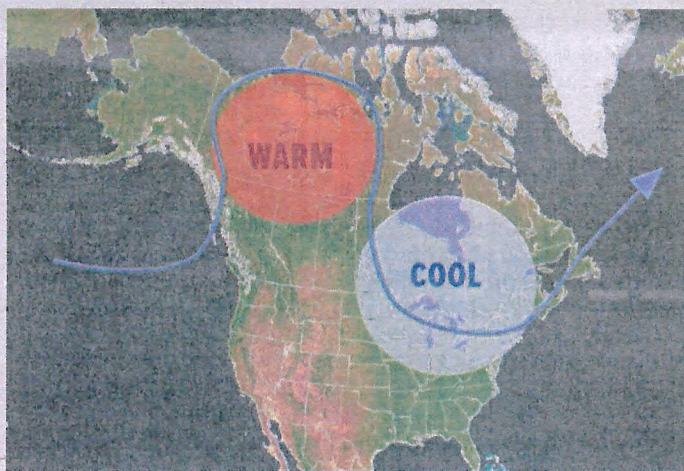
One of them was Fardowsa Suleiman, a Somali girl who came to Syracuse after seeing her mother killed in Mogadishu and her father killed in a Kenyan refugee camp. Fardowsa, who lived with her aunt on Syracuse's North Side, suffered from a severe heart defect. By the time she arrived here at age 10, her heart disease was too far advanced to be corrected

by surgery.

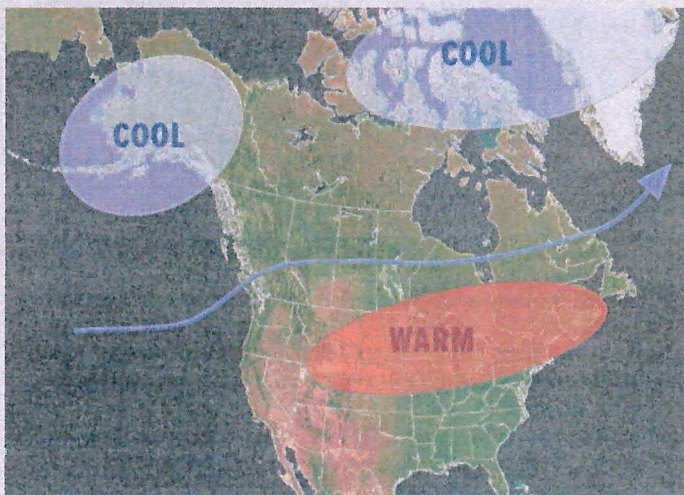
Kuiper cared for Fardowsa for a year until the girl died last summer at age 11. Before her death, the girl was on oxygen around the clock. The constantly running oxygen machine made it impossible for her aunt to keep up with the electric bill. National Grid agreed to discount the bill after Kuiper called the

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JET STREAM PATTERN LATE JULY-EARLY AUGUST



JET STREAM PATTERN LAST HALF OF AUGUST



Images by Dave Eichorn / The Post-Standard

Eichorn: Alaska baked; soon it'll be our turn

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For the last few weeks, while we have been struggling to hit 80 degrees, way up in the Yukon, all the way back deep into the interior of Alaska, temperatures have been running 6 to 10 degrees above normal.

Twice this summer, some stations in Alaska and the McKenzie Valley have flirted with or exceeded 90 degrees.

When the Northwest is warm, we are chilly. If this had been winter, we'd probably be blowing our snow-removal budgets.

The top map to the left shows the jet stream pattern in high-altitude winds that has been producing the extremes. This is what set up on July 23, which broke our heat wave. Warm air has been pumping northward into the far Northwest, while downwind of that, cool air has been consistently delivered southward into the Great Plains, the Great

Lakes and New England.

This is all about the change. The pattern is already in the early stages of a breakdown.

The bottom map at left shows what both the European and U.S. computer models are indicating by Saturday. This may not necessarily produce record heat for us, but it would likely put us back into above-average temperatures.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Over the next few days, heat will first begin to build over the central United States. In Central New York, our weather will still be chilly but that won't last long.

If the models are correct, CNY will see a warm-up this weekend, with periodic deliveries of even much warmer weather next week — just in time for the state fair.

Will we be warm and humid or warm and dry?

Above-normal temperatures are not indicated next week for the southern and southeastern U.S., because of humidity. There should be no shortage of showers and storms. Best odds are for us to end up both warm and humid.

Nurse brings care to struggling homes

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utility and got a doctor's note to document Fardowsa's condition. Kuiper made arrangements for a teacher from the Syracuse City School District to come in and home school the girl. The nurse also helped organize a birthday party for the girl.

Kuiper said she and Fardowsa developed a strong bond, even though they did not speak the same language.

"We spoke from our souls to each other," Kuiper said. "She touched me."

Kuiper, of Jamesville, is a native of Holland who came to the United States 28 years ago as an exchange student and never left. She was inspired to become a nurse by her

grandmother, a midwife who bicycled to people's homes during World War II to deliver babies.

Kuiper worked as a midwife in Holland. She went to nursing school at Cayuga Community College and worked in the Onondaga County Health Department's family planning clinics before joining the VNA nine years ago. Kuiper's husband died in 1993. She has a 24-year-old daughter.

Home care nurses like Kuiper routinely help people in crises.

"They walk up to doors, knock on them and don't know what's behind them," Rolf said. "They see some situations that are unimaginable to most people."

Kuiper said she's seen an increase in poverty and a deterioration in housing conditions in Syracuse in the nine years she's worked at VNA.

She goes into many homes owned by absentee landlords with hazards like unsafe stairways and missing smoke detectors. Sometimes she calls the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement to report problems.

"If I read one more story about someone dying in a fire due to lack of smoke detectors I will scream," she said.

Home care nurses must be innovative, Kuiper said. For example, she's working with a family from Burma who do not speak English and cannot read or write. They have a child with seizure disorders.

She puts colored electrical tape on the child's medicine bottles so his parents know when to administer them. "They can follow the colors. Sun for morning medication, moon for evening medication," she said.

Kuiper said she and the other home care nurses work not just with the patient, but the entire family.

"Often the parents are totally overwhelmed," Kuiper said. An important part of home care is teaching parents how to care for their children.

"Sometimes you need to take them literally by the hand and assist with the care," Kuiper said. "You take the mom's hand and say, 'It's OK. You can do this.'"