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California teachers see revival in hiring

WITH LAYOFFS PAST, NEW JOBS WILL EXCEED 20,000

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After years of pink slips and layoffs, California school districts have emerged from the recession with plans to hire 21,500 teachers for the 2015-16 academic year at a pace not seen in a decade, according to new state data.

150 Additional teachers Elk Grove Unified will need in the fall

80 Additional teachers San Juan Unified will need

Schools are using additional teachers to reduce class sizes and bolster offerings in math, science and foreign languages, thanks to additional state tax revenue from economic growth, as well as a 2012 tax hike.

It marks a reversal for a field whose hiring rules made fledgling teachers particularly wary during the economic downturn. New teachers were vulnerable to layoffs as districts cut staff based largely on seniority, and newcomers fortunate enough to keep a job faced the annual prospect of being reassigned to a different grade level, subject or school.

At a recruitment fair last week at California State University, Sacramento, however, the situation had flipped as districts from California, Nevada and Washington promoted their unique benefits and pay as they

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Altat Qadri The Associated Press

A child injured in Saturday's quake is carried by a Nepalese soldier after being evacuated Monday to the Kathmandu airport.

Nepal tries to get grasp of tragedy

By RAMA LAKSHMI AND ANNIE GOWEN
The Washington Post

BHAKTAPUR, Nepal - In the chill of a post-rain morning, Punya Ram Kawang, a teacher, was standing before a mound of rubble in his torn neighborhood on Monday, trying to figure out how to grieve.

His house was a pile. His neighbor, who is 70, was wailing and wiping her eyes with the hem of her sari. Around the corner, four temples of his city - revered, loved by all - were gone. In the heart of this UNESCO-honored place, a swirl of bricks engulfed a precious idol. Mighty stone lions now guarded steps to nowhere.

"I've lost count of how many things to weep about," Kawang said. "What do I do? Do I cry over the ancient temples? Do I cry about my neighbors and friends or my own home, which is now in ruins?"

Three days after the terrible earthquake

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Lloyd Fox The Baltimore Sun

This fire in Baltimore marks one spot where police and protesters clashed Monday. Relatives of Freddie Gray, whose death sparked the protests, begged for calm.

Violence and looting spike in Baltimore



Patrick Semansky The Associated Press

A burning police vehicle in Baltimore was testament to Monday's escalated violence. Hours after a funeral for a man who died in police custody, people smashed police vehicles, torched buildings and looted businesses. A 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew will take effect today.

National Guard, curfew come to city as anger boils over

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG
The New York Times

BALTIMORE - Gov. Larry Hogan activated the National Guard on Monday and the city of Baltimore announced a curfew for all residents as a turbulent day that began with the funeral of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, the nation's latest symbol of police brutality, ended with rioting by rock-throwing youths, widespread looting and at least 15 police officers injured.

The violence that shook the city broke out in the late afternoon in the Mondawmin neighborhood of northwest Baltimore, home to New Shiloh Baptist Church, where more than 2,000 people - politicians, activists, White House officials and civil rights activists including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Dick Gregory - had gathered for a morning of soaring Gospel music and passionate eulogies for Gray.

Hours after the service ended, angry

groups of people threw bottles, rocks and chunks of concrete at officers who lined up in riot gear with shields deployed. Young men surrounded a police cruiser and smashed in its windows in what police described as an organized attack by criminals. Cars were set on fire, and store windows were shattered. A CVS drugstore was looted and set on fire. A check-cashing business was also looted. The cafe portion of Trina-

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Fatal accidents' pain felt from Yuba City to Philippines

FAMILY, FRIENDS MOURN VICTIMS AFTER SERIES OF CRASHES LEAVE NINE DEAD

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One victim was a 76-year-old man who recently reconnected with his high school sweetheart. Three of the casualties were young brothers traveling in the same car on a sunny Saturday afternoon when they were hit head-

on, allegedly by a drunken driver using a suspended driver's license. Another was a promising high school freshman with a passion for dance.

All were among the nine victims of tragic car crashes on highways in the region over the last nine days that have left families

and friends grief-stricken from Yuba City to Stockton to the Philippines.

"I keep seeing it on my news feed, and people don't get the message," said Alexis Flores, 19, the sister-in-law of one of the three brothers killed Saturday near Yuba City. "This isn't a game. We're losing innocent people with family and kids."

The Yuba City incident is the latest in a series of dramatic

crashes. It occurred on State Route 113 at about 3:45 p.m. Saturday. The California Highway Patrol said Michael Allan Jones, 38, was driving a 2007 Ford pickup when he veered across the highway and crashed into a 1991 Honda Accord. It burst into flames and killed three brothers riding inside.

"We have a pretty good idea who these people are; however, CRASHES | Back page, ????

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