

# Wildfire closes in on Yellowstone

## Scenic highway is closed; another firestorm hits Idaho ranch

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RED LODGE, Mont. — A fast-moving wildfire closed the scenic Beartooth Highway to Yellowstone National Park and threatened up to 150 houses Monday, some of them million-dollar trophy homes in the Montana woods.

Elsewhere, a firestorm in an Idaho forest destroyed most of the buildings at a guest ranch, and a second guest ranch was ordered evacuated.

The fire near Red Lodge became the No. 1 firefighting priority in Montana, but ground crews with shovels might not be on the job before Tuesday because so many other blazes across the West are demanding their attention.

"Even if we got everything we want, it may not be enough," Forest Service Ranger Rand Herzberg told exasperated residents. "This is going to be a tough one, folks."

The Willie fire — so named because Willie Nelson was headlining a music festival in Red Lodge — started Sunday when a

motorcycle crashed and caught fire a few miles south of town on the Beartooth Highway that leads into the northeastern corner of Yellowstone. The fire quickly grew to 3,000 acres on the west side of the highway, which was closed on Sunday.

Many tourists had to find another way out of the park after the closure of the 65-mile route to Red Lodge.

Flames were just feet from some of the evacuated houses. A few of the houses evacuated were worth as much as \$1 million, but most were middle-class homes, said Sheriff Luke Schroder.

Gusty wind in Idaho on Sunday turned one of the blazes in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness into a firestorm that raced six miles and burned 21 of the 29 buildings at the Pistol Creek Ranch.

The area had been evacuated long before, and no injuries were reported. The fire was one of a group of blazes that have blackened about 142,000 acres.

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widened in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where a blaze has consumed 64,900 acres. Gusts reached 40 mph Monday at Rapid City, about 25 miles northeast of the fire.

Authorities established a 24-hour hot line for people with information on anything suspicious in the area of Jewel Cave National Monument, where the fire started on Thursday. Officials have said an arsonist may be to blame.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial was at least 13 miles from the fire's eastern edge.

# University Police chief leads worldwide campus police group

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tors as region six president.

Cauble's colleagues within the international campus police group cited his work ethic and easy-going attitude as reasons for his success.

"You have to be flexible in this type of business," said Jerry Garrett, chief of police at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. "Ken has the ability to handle multiple tasks at the same time and still be able to do the job he was hired to do."

Campus chiefs agree that service calls, such as unlocking cars and building doors, is an important part of the job because the police department has to be part of the community.

At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Cauble is known for always carrying his cellular phone and his willingness to help.

Lewis said that the late Melvin Jones, former vice chancellor for business and finance, tried to take advantage of that one day when he

locked himself out of the office. Jones called and found Cauble at a conference in Florida, still answering his phone.

Theft and alcohol-related problems top the list of concerns for Cauble and most university police officers, so Cauble spends much of his time trying to educate students to make better decisions.

Every year Cauble talks to University Foundations classes about how to set personal limits for drinking and lesson the risk of theft.

Before he retires, Cauble said one of his goals is to see an entire freshman class graduate from the university. He knows the odds of an entire class making the right decisions for four or five years are long, but he'll still keep trying.

"I think most of us in our profession understand that students want to come to school and have a good time," he said, "but we also want to see them get their education."

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# Nebraska prisoners' cases compared to Mandela's

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Mitchell, the other headline speaker, organized the "Free Angela Davis" campaign and co-founded the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression.

Both women have worked together on several campaigns to free political prisoners and fight for human rights since Davis' release.

Mitchell compared we Langa's and Poindexter's case to that of Mandela, who was imprisoned for 27 years. She said it is difficult to maintain public interest when a case spans several decades.

International attention from Amnesty International, the United Nations and other countries is key to a successful campaign to free Poindexter and we Langa, Mitchell said.

When examining this case, Mitchell said it is important to remember that we Langa and Poindexter could not afford to

hire their own attorneys.

Morrison, who was one of the public defenders in the case, said that the justice system is flawed, and the only way to remedy those flaws is if the public demands the truth.

"If we had known the truth, if the jury had known the truth in the Poindexter and Rice case, they never would have spent a day in jail," Morrison, now 95, said.

Both the U.S. District Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed that the case should be re-heard in light of the new evidence, but the U.S. Supreme Court decided that federal courts should not decide evidentiary appeals from state courts. The Nebraska Board of Pardons has refused to hold a hearing in the case.

A crowd of about 175 people gathered in front of the capitol's north steps for the rally including many local activists.

Elizabeth Goodbrake, a UNL senior and member of both

Nebraskans for Peace and Nebraskans for Justice, said Davis' speech was inspiring.

"(The rally) Offered renewed hope that we can keep working to free them," Goodbrake said.

After the rally Mitchell and Davis visited we Langa in prison. What was supposed to be a one hour meeting stretched to two, and both women called it inspirational.

"I told him (we Langa) as we left, 'you defy all the stereotypes,'" Davis said.

After 30 years in prison we Langa still maintains a strong connection with the community, concern for others and a sense of humor, she said.

Poindexter is imprisoned in Minnesota where he completed his high school and college education and earned a master's degree.

Both Davis and Mitchell encouraged local activists to organize an all-out campaign to free Poindexter and we Langa.

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## Law & Order

### Sleep Inn robbed by man pretending to have gun

The Sleep Inn was robbed early Sunday morning by a man who pretended to have a gun.

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. the suspect entered the 3400 NW 12 St. hotel with a blue bandana over his face and threatened the clerk with his hand under his sweatshirt like a gun, Lincoln Police spokesman Rich Mackey said.

The suspect made the clerk lie on the floor before fleeing on foot with \$262 cash and \$100 in traveler's checks.

The suspect was described as

a white man, in his early 20s, 5-foot-11-inches tall and 195 pounds.

### Freshman hospitalized with alcohol poisoning

Late Friday night a freshman was taken to the hospital with alcohol poisoning after he passed out on the way back to Schramm Residence Hall.

Police were called when 18-year-old Brent Engleman's friend could not revive him, University Police Assistant Chief Mylo Bushing said. The student was treated and released.

### Woman assaulted with metal pipe

A Lincoln man assaulted his ex-girlfriend early Sunday morning with a metal pipe, police said.

The 46-year-old woman went to Kevin Ginger's 6853 Leighton Ave. house about 2 a.m., Mackey said.

During the visit Ginger, 39, invited the woman into the garage where he assaulted her, Mackey said.

Ginger was arrested for first-degree assault.  
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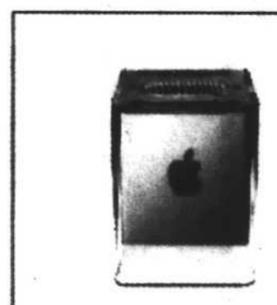
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