

Wildfire burns three homes in S. Oregon

GOLD BEACH (AP) — A wildfire has destroyed three homes in the same south-western Oregon area where a notorious 2002 blaze blackened nearly 800 square miles.

Nobody has been injured in the current fire in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, and the affected homeowners were getting assistance from the Curry County Sheriff's Office, KDRV-TV reported.

The sheriff did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press.

Evacuation notices remained in place Tuesday for the lightning-sparked fire that began July 12 and has grown rapidly in the past week to more than 150 square miles.

The state's largest active blaze is burning in the scar of the 2002 fire that remains seared in the memory of those living along the Oregon-California border.

People living along Highway 101 near Brookings were warned to evacuate Sunday after the current blaze made a westward push toward the coast. The Red Cross established a shelter



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in Gold Beach.

Fire spokesman Chris Barth said cooler temperatures and lighter winds helped slow the fire's growth Monday, and similar weather was expected Tuesday. He said firefighters hope to take advantage of the conditions and get residents home as quickly as possible.

More than 400 firefighters were battling the blaze. The

Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved money to help reimburse the cost of the fight.

August is peak wildfire season in the Pacific Northwest, and firefighters were busy throughout Oregon.

In the central part of state, a wildfire in the Three Sisters Wilderness has scorched 18 square miles. An evacuation

warning went out Monday for an area that includes Black Butte Ranch, a resort community.

Last week, hundreds of people living near the West-em-themed town of Sisters were advised to evacuate. Fire managers worry that winds will push the fire out of the wilderness and into populated areas.

BRIEFLY

Swastikas and bomb threat prompt WSU dorm evacuation

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Dozens of students were evacuated from a dormitory at Washington State University after students reported vandals had scratched several swastikas and a vague bomb threat onto the walls.

The Spokesman-Review says the graffiti was reported about 10 p.m. Monday. Police inspected Simson Hall and found no evidence of explosives, and the students were allowed back in shortly after 2 a.m.

WSU assistant police chief Steve Hansen says the Nazi symbols were etched into walls in stairwells and common areas on multiple floors of the building. He said the markings were thin and hardly visible and appeared to have been created with a sharp knife.

He says the bomb threat was simply the word "bomb" above a time: 1 a.m.

Taylor, next to an open car door in February 2016. Taylor was a felon previously convicted of rape and robbery. The officers said he appeared to be drawing a gun when they fired, and a gun was discovered under the seat of the car. An inquest jury cleared them of wrongdoing.

Passenger stabbed on light-rail train

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland police say one man stabbed another during a fight on a light-rail train.

Sgt. Christ Burley says the incident happened Tuesday afternoon on a westbound train heading to the Old Town Chinatown stop. He says a man was arrested and the victim was taken to a hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that the stop was closed during the investigation.

Concerns about safety on the light-rail system have been heightened since a May 26 knife attack left two men dead a third wounded.

Two Seattle cops sue councilwoman over comments

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Seattle police officers who were cleared of wrongdoing in the fatal shooting of a man last year have sued City Councilwoman Kshama Sawant, saying she defamed them when she called the killing a "brutal murder."

The Seattle Times reports that officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding filed the lawsuit last week in King County Superior Court. They sued her in her individual capacity, without naming the city as a defendant, saying they "do not want one red cent of public money."

The lawsuit cites comments Sawant made after the officers, who are white, shot a 46-year-old black man named Che

Governor, state police chief stand up for marijuana

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's governor and the head of the state police defended the state's legal marijuana industry in letters to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who has been hinting at a crackdown on states like Oregon that have legalized pot in defiance of federal law.

Gov. Kate Brown noted that Sessions' earlier letter to her referenced a draft report from the Oregon State Police that concluded a lot of Oregon's marijuana was being diverted to other states. Brown and Oregon State Police Superintendent Travis Hampton said that draft report was invalid and had incorrect data and conclusions.

Eclipse's high tides break net, dump salmon

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — The public is being asked to help mop up a salmon spill from an imploded net holding 305,000 fish at a Cooke Aquaculture fish farm near Cypress Island.

The Seattle Times reports Lummi fishers out for chinook on Sunday near Samish, south of Bellingham Bay, were surprised to pull up the Atlantic salmon — escapes that turned up in their nets again on Monday.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is urging the public to catch as many of the fish as possible, with no limit on size or number. The fish are about 10 pounds each. No one knows yet how many escaped. But Ron Warren, fish program assistant director for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, said the net had some 3 million pounds of fish in it when it imploded Saturday.

Warren said the spill

was caused by tides pushed unusually high by Monday's approaching total solar eclipse.

The department has been monitoring the situation and crafting a spill-response plan with Cooke.

Lummi fishers were incensed at the Atlantic salmon intruding in home waters of native Washington Pacific salmon. "It's a devastation," said Ellie Kinley, whose family has fished Puget Sound for generations. "We

don't want those fish preying on our baby salmon. And we don't want them getting up in the rivers."

G.I. James, a member of the Lummi Natural Resources staff and fish commissioner, said Pacific salmon face enough trouble as it is without dueling with invaders in their home waters. "It is potentially a disease issue, and impact on our fish, as dire a shape as they are in, right now any impact to them is difficult to absorb."

Lawyer plans campaign against judge facing charges

SALEM (AP) — The executive director of the Marion County Association of Defenders announced he will file to run against a county judge who is facing two felony gun charges and two first-degree official misconduct charges.

Salem lawyer Jon Weiner plans to challenge Marion County Circuit Court Judge Vance Day's seat in the May

2018 election, the Statesman Journal reported.

Weiner's 10-year stint as a part-time pro tem judge with Salem Municipal Court fueled his interest in running for the seat, he said, but Day's criminal charges reaffirmed his desire to run.

"It is harmful and distracting to the Marion County justice system and legal community, and runs

counter to the best interests of the people of Marion County overall," Weiner said. "It's time for a change."

Day is accused of allowing a convicted felon and Navy SEAL to possess and control guns on at least two occasions in 2013 and 2014. He is also accused of instructing staff to inappropriately screen same-sex wedding applicants.

Michael Paul De Muniz, Day's attorney, said he could not comment on whether Day plans on running to keep his seat.

Weiner plans on filing his candidacy Sept. 10, which is the first day he's able to

"I love being a judge," Weiner said. "It's time for a new chapter."

Day is scheduled for a 12-person jury trial Nov. 7.

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Regional weather map showing temperatures and forecasts for various locations like Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Portland, Eugene, Bend, Medford, Klamath Falls, etc.

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