

Erratic Wildfire Produces Familiar Scene

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — A predictable but painful summertime ritual played out in half a dozen resort communities near California's largest freshwater lake on Tuesday as an erratic, week-old wildfire that has wiped out dozens of buildings continued to threaten nearly 7,000 more.

As firefighters and equipment from outside the state poured in to battle the blaze burning 10 miles from Clear Lake more than 13,000 people were required or urged to leave their homes, vacation cabins and campsites in the latest fire-prone region to find itself under siege.

'This never gets easier," said Gina Powers, who with her husband and cats on Sunday night fled the Spring Valley home she has evacuated before in the more than two decades she has lived there. "This time it was scarier."

State and federal fire officials said the stubborn fire had consumed more than 101 square miles by Tuesday morning after flames jumped a highway in several places. It remained 12 percent contained and was not expected to be corralled until at least Monday.

The fire, by far the largest of 11 burning in Northern California on Wednesday, started on July 29 in drought-withered brush that has not burned in years in the Lower Lake area, about 100 miles north of San Francisco. A cause has not been

Obama, Netanyahu Appeal To US Jews

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made dueling appeals to the American Jewish community Tuesday as they sought to rally support for their opposing positions on the Iranian

Netanyahu made his case in a live webcast with more than 10,000 participants, according to the U.S. Jewish groups that organized the event. The prime minister railed against the agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief, calling it a "bad deal" that leaves Tehran on the brink of a bomb.

"The nuclear deal with Iran doesn't block Iran's path to the bomb," he said. "It actually paves Iran's path to the bomb."

Netanyahu, one of the fiercest critics of the nuclear accord, also disputed Obama's assertion that opponents of the diplomatic deal favor war. He called that assertion "utterly false," saying Israel wants peace, not war.

Obama held a private meeting at the White House later Tuesday with Jewish leaders — some who support the deal, some who oppose it, and others whose organizations are undecided. The White House said Obama emphasized that the deal would allow the world to verify that Iran wasn't acquiring a nuclear weapon and affirmed his support for Israel's

Officials Investigate Circus Tent Collapse

LANCASTER, N.H. (AP) - It's unclear why after a widespread warning of impending severe weather a circus put on its planned show in a tent that ended up collapsing in a storm, killing a spectator and his 8-year-old daughter, the state fire marshal said Tuesday.

More than 30 other people were taken to hospitals after the collapse Monday night at the Lancaster Fairgrounds, 90 miles north of Concord.

Fire Marshal Bill Degnan said it's the responsibility of the circus operator to monitor the weather. The show began seven minutes after the National Weather Service issued a severe-thunderstorm warning. The storm blew through about 15 minutes after that, with about 100 people inside the tent.

Spectator Heidi Medeiros, who attended the circus with her 3-year-old son, told WMUR-TV that the metal poles holding up the tent flew out of the ground and slammed onto the bleacher where they had been sitting.

Degnan said the storm cut a track of a half-mile to a mile that included downed trees while it approached the tent.

Slain Officer Avoided Confrontation

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Slain police officer Sean Bolton's physical strength and powerful, melon-sized hands served him well in tight situations, like when he subdued two suspects at one time. Still, friends say he avoided confrontation whenever possible, and dedicated his life to protecting others.

Bolton, 33, was shot multiple times and killed Saturday night during a struggle with an ex-convict, police said. Bolton had interrupted a drug deal in a neighborhood in Memphis, a city long listed as one of America's most violent, and was confronted by Tremaine Wilhourn, a 29-year-old convicted armed bank robber, police said.

After a two-day manhunt, Wilbourn turned himself in to authorities to face a first-degree murder charge. He has a court appearance Wednesday.

Friends say Bolton overcame a financially troubled childhood — during which he sometimes had no bed and slept on the floor. He attended the University of Memphis and served in the Marines in Iraq. He enjoyed handing out school supplies and candy to children because he knew what it was like to grow up with so little.

Bolton was a loyal but shy guy who never married. When his best friend died, he took in his distraught mother. He liked to lift weights, read world history books and watch Police Academy movies.

Nightclub Shooting Leaves 2 Dead

TORONTO (AP) — A shooting that started at a Toronto nightclub event hosted by rapper Drake and then spilled outside onto the streets left at least two people dead and three others wounded, police said. It wasn't clear if Drake was present during the shooting.

Toronto Deputy Police Chief Peter Sloly said shots were

fired inside the Muzik nightclub on the Exhibition Place grounds in downtown Toronto, despite a large police presence outside the venue. The shooting took place at about 3:20 a.m. Tuesday when the nightclub was shutting down.

Sloly said at least one victim was shot inside the club, before the shooting moved outside.

The club said in a statement that its last patrons of the night were exiting the building as gunshots were heard.

GOP Debate Field Set

BY STEVE PEOPLES Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Billionaire businessman Donald Trump will be front and center in the Republican Party's leadoff presidential debate, scoring the top spot in Thursday's prime-time faceoff where he'll be joined by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and seven other White House hopefuls who made the campaign's first cut.

But it's a disappointing situation for seven other Republicans including former technology executive Carly Fiorina and former Texas Ğov. Rick Perry, who will be relegated to a pre-debate forum and second-tier status in the party's crowded field.

Fox News on Tuesday announced the 10 GOP candidates who will take part in the debate at 9 p.m. EDT Thursday in the crucial swing state of Ohio.

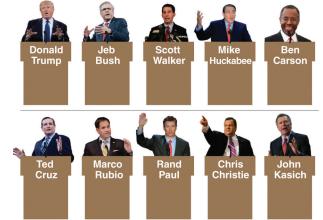
Beyond Trump, those selected among the top 10 – based on recent national polls - include Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Those who didn't qualify for the first debate include Fiorina, the GOP's only female presidential candidate, Perry, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, former New York Gov. George Pataki and former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

The announcement concludes an anxiety-filled process for a Republican Party that worked aggressively to improve its debates ahead of the election season. Yet with the largest field of contenders in modern memory, organizers

Republican candidate prime-time debate

The roster of 10 Republican candidates that will participate in the prime-time debate this Thursday night has been determined.



Graphic: Tribune News Service

rapid rise has surprised many

whom fear his rhetoric on im-

Republican officials, some of

migration and other divisive

issues could hurt the party. In

a Tuesday interview, Trump

said he's been defying expec-

"I think people are tired,

incompetent politicians," he

said on MSNBC's "Morning

Joe" when asked to explain

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Source: Fox News

say something had to give to ensure the debate in Cleveland didn't turn into a nationally televised circus.

"We never ever envisioned we'd have 17 major candidates," said Steve Duprey, New Hampshire's representative to the Republican National Committee who helped craft the debate plan. "There's no perfect solution.'

Republican officials worked closely with TV executives, although the networks have the final say about which candidates will be allowed on stage for their televised

Fox News is the host of Thursday's event, the first of six party-sanctioned debates before primary voting begins in February.

Republican officials were particularly concerned about Fiorina's status, hoping she would help balance Hillary Rodham Clinton's push to rally women to her candidacy. Trump's recent surge in the polls was particularly damaging to Fiorina.

The reality television star's

of the candidates who polled lower could be that high or higher.

Monmouth found that only five candidates — Trump, Bush, Walker, Cruz and Huckabee — were definitely in the top tier of candidates, while just two -Pataki and Gilmore - would not make it into the top 10 even when margin of error was taken into account.

Some candidates looked at the polls on Tuesday, and then looked past the first debate and aimed for the second.

This first debate is just one opportunity of many," Amy Frederick, an aide to Fiorina, wrote to supporters. "With many more debates to come, we fully expect that Carly will soon stand on the stage and show America what real leadership looks like.

Jindal spokeswoman Shannon Dirmann issued a challenge of sorts: "The governor will debate anyone anywhere at any time.

Candidates have already begun to turn their attention toward Trump, considered the ultimate wildcard on the debate stage.

Asked about Trump while courting religious conservatives on Tuesday, Bush said the businessman's rhetoric on immigrants is "wrong." "We have a different tone and a

different view," he said. "I respect the fact that he's the front-runner for the Republican nomination," Bush continued. "This is a serious thing. But I think to win and govern the right way — we have to unite rather than divide.

Christie, in a television interview earlier in the day, called Trump his friend but suggested he'd be willing to challenge him if necessary.

"If I believe there is something that needs to be said on that stage Thursday night, I'll say it," Christie said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe."

Shackling Video Ignites Debate On School Discipline

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The boy sat in a chair, the sound of his whimpering interrupted briefly by the clank of metal handcuffs closing around his

'You don't get to swing at me like that," a deputy says to the 8-year-old child, the interaction caught by a video camera. "You can do what we asked you to, or you can suffer

The video — entered as Exhibit A in a lawsuit the ACLU filed against the school, the sheriff and the officer rocketed across the Internet on Tuesday and was shown again and again on cable news, reigniting a fierce debate over aggressive policing in public

The sheriff defended his deputy while experts insisted that children shouldn't be treated like adult criminals and bemoaned the lack of standardized regulations for

restraining children. "It was hard to breathe," David Shapiro, who leads the National Juvenile Defender Center's campaign against child shackling, said of his reaction when he first saw the video. "As someone who has acted out in class before, I really felt for that child. That's not the way to treat any child, in school, in court or anywhere.'

'Oh my goodness. Oh, no, this is not good," groaned Steven C. Teske, a Georgia

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juvenile court judge who has led the charge to reduce restraints in schools, as he watched the video for the first time while on the phone with The Associated Press.

The lawsuit filed by two mothers alleges that school resource officer Kevin Sumner, a Kenton County deputy sheriff, handcuffed two children, the 8-year-old boy in the video and another 9-year-old girl in schools the Covington Independent Public Schools district. Both nosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and are identified in court records only by their initials. It's also not clear who took the video, which was filmed in August.

The handcuffs were too big for the children's wrists, so Sumner put the cuffs around their biceps, the lawsuit alleges.

In the video, the boy, who weighed 52 pounds, cried. 'Ow, that hurts," he says.

The boy had been removed from class for failing to follow his teacher's instructions, the lawsuit says. He tried to leave the principal's office, so administrators stopped him until Sumner arrived. The officer took him to the bathroom and the boy

tried to hit Sumner with his elbow.

Officials with the Covington Independent Public Schools said in a statement that they were cooperating with investigators, but declined to discuss the incident out of privacy concerns.

Kenton County Sheriff Chuck Korzenborn defended his deputy, who he described as a respected and skilled officer valued by the community. School administrators'

"efforts to deescalate and defuse a threat to others had proven unsuccessful," Korzenborn said in a statement. "Deputy Sumner responded to the call and did what he is sworn to do and in conformity with all constitutional and

law enforcement standards." Kentucky state regulations ban school officials from restraining students in a public school unless the "students' behavior poses an imminent danger of physical harm to self or others." It also forbids personnel from restraining students that they know have

trouble. The lawsuit says officials at both schools were aware of the students' disabilities,

Arthur "Skip" Moeller, DO

disabilities that could cause

which include "impulsivity, and difficulty paying attention, complying with directives, controlling emotions and remaining seated."

"An 8-year-old's job description is to be impulsive," said Julian Ford, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut.

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder compounds that problem, he said, struggling to think of a scenario where handcuffing an 8-year-

old might be necessary. more than it helps the kid,"

In the video, the boy kicks his legs in the chair.

Sumner bends down and puts his hand on his shoulder.

"Look at me for a minute, look at me," he says. "If you want the handcuffs off, you've got to stop kicking. Do you want them off or not? It's up to you if you want them

"I'm devastated to see a child treated this way," said Lisa H. Thurau, founder Strategies for Youth, an organization meant to improve the relationship between children and police. "But this is not an isolated case. We've heard of these cases before.'



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