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Melania makes the case for Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Melania Trump portrayed her husband as an authentic, uncompromising leader in a Rose Garden address as President Donald Trump turned to family, farmers and the trappings of the presidency to boost his reelection chances on the second night of the scaled-down Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Trump offered a polished portrait of Trump's presidency Tuesday night that was often at odds with the crises, division and unforgiving actions of his administration.

But it was part of a broader effort to show a more forgiving side of a combative president

who will soon face the voters. Beyond the first lady's remarks, Trump pardoned a reformed felon and oversaw a naturalization ceremony for several immigrants in the midst of the program, though he frequently states his vigorous opposition to more immigration, legal as well as illegal.

"In my husband, you have a president who will not stop fighting for you and your families," said Mrs. Trump, an immigrant herself. "He will not give up."

Democrat Joe Biden's camp was not impressed.

"Immigrants and Latinos are not props, and these empty gestures won't make us forget

Donald Trump's failures," said the Biden's Latino media director, Jennifer Molina.

Mrs. Trump and two of the president's five children led a diverse collection of supporters, including a convicted bank robber, calling for Trump's reelection on a night that featured a distinctly more positive tone than the night before.

Trump has ground to make up. Most polls report that Democratic rival Biden has a significant advantage in terms of raw support; the former vice president also leads on character issues such as trustworthiness and likability. That makes character assessments such as the one

Mrs. Trump provided on Tuesday important if the president hopes to win back voters — particularly women — who have strayed amid the pandemic, economic collapse and a reckoning on racism.

In a particularly emotional moment, Trump showed a video of himself signing a pardon for Jon Ponder, a man from Nevada who has founded an organization that helps prisoners reintegrate into society.

"We live in a nation of second chances," Ponder said, standing alongside Trump.

"Jon's life is a beautiful testament to the power of redemption," Trump said before he

signed the pardon.

The lineup also had a Maine lobsterman, a Wisconsin farmer and a Native American leader. Social conservatives were represented by an anti-abortion activist and Billy Graham's granddaughter. The convention also featured a Kentucky high school student whose interaction last year with Native Americans became a flashpoint in the nation's culture wars.

With Election Day just 10 weeks off and early voting beginning much sooner, Trump is under increasing pressure to reshape the contours of the campaign. But as he struggles to

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South Coast Strong



Bay Area Hospital President and CEO Brian Moore, left, ICU Manager Nancy Day, ICU Director Dr. Wendy Haack and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael van Duren stand with a robot unit that has revolutionized treatment at the hospital, connecting it with doctors at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. Read about the new robot and other positive stories about the South Coast during the coronavirus pandemic in The World's annual South Coast Strong edition, which will be included in Saturday's print edition.

Huge California wildfires come before peak of fire season

VACAVILLE, Calif. (AP) — California's firefighting agency is in talks with the National Guard and California Conservation Corps about providing reinforcements as an already devastating wildfire season threatens to get even worse.

Lightning-sparked fires that have grown to some of the largest in state history have pushed firefighters to the breaking point as they also deal with complications from the coronavirus pandemic and depleted inmate crews.

"Historically it's September and October when we experience our largest and our most damaging wildfires. So to be in the middle of August and already have the second- and the third-largest wildfires in our state's history is very concerning to us," Daniel Berlant, chief of wildfire planning and engineering at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Tuesday.

For now, cooler temperatures are helping firefighters begin to corral three huge clusters of fires ignited Aug. 15. The blazes have killed at least seven people, burned some 1,300 homes, and prompted evacuation orders that still affect an estimated 170,000 people.

Firefighters in wine country north of San Francisco have cleared containment lines — used to prevent fires from spreading — around a quarter of

the fires there that have scorched nearly 557 square miles (1442 square kilometers) and destroyed nearly 980 buildings. It is now the third-largest blaze in California history.

To the east of San Francisco, firefighters created containment lines around 20% of a group of fires that have charred 571.5 square miles (1480 square kilometers), making it the second-largest in state history.

And to the south, officials said progress was made against fires in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties that have grown to more than 124 square miles (322 square kilometers), destroyed 319 homes and other buildings and threatens another 25,000.

People were trickling back to the outskirts of Vacaville to see what remained of their homes. Art Thomas, 76, said he found only ashes and melted metal at the site of the home he built with his own hands in a rural area where he had lived for 32 years.

"Possessions dating back to when I was a kid were all in the house, everything is gone," Thomas said. "Between sad, crying, laughing every emotion is there."

He said he had left with his wife, two dogs and a pair of shorts and tennis shoes.

Bob Zupo's house survived, unlike the homes of three of his neighbors. But all the land around his property burned along with a barn he owned.

Zupo, 68, attributed his good fortune to "the grace of God;" hung a sign on his mailbox that said, "Thank You All;" and put up an American flag as he assessed the damage.

With limited crews to tackle fires on the ground, the state has been relying more on bulldozers, aircraft and firefighters from other states and the federal government, Berlant said.

"We are having ongoing discussions with the National Guard as well as with the (California Conservation Corps) on how we can expand, if needed, the number of crews," he said.

The hand crews do what Gov. Gavin Newsom calls "the really hard grunt work" — using chainsaws and hand tools to scrape and cut road-like clearings through grass, brush and trees in remote areas in hopes of stopping the spread of a wildfire.

The severe challenges have occurred even before the traditional peak of fire season, when hot, dry autumn winds can send flames roaring faster than any attempts to contain them.

"We have to continue to plan for seeing if there are additional resources" not only within California, but what would be quickly available from nearby states, Berlant said.

Despite the size of the current fires, California has benefited because the three huge fire clusters are all in the northern part of the state and began just as

firefighters could be redeployed after wrapping up several blazes in Southern California, Berlant said.

Tim Edwards, president of the union representing state firefighters, said 96% of Cal Fire's resources are committed to fighting the fires. He was with a three-man fire engine crew that had traveled more than 400 miles from Riverside County to help fight the wine country wildfires.

"Between the fires in Southern California and these, they've been going nonstop," he said. "Fatigue is really starting to set in, but they're doing it."

By Tuesday, more than 280 hand crews, each with 12 to 20 firefighters, were deployed to the lines by Cal Fire, the conservation corps, state corrections department and U.S. Forest Service.

About 300 Guard troops were finishing firefighter training and were expected to be on the lines Wednesday as another 300 begin four days of training, said spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Shiroma.

California has scrambled over recent years to field enough prison fire crews as their numbers dwindled while the state released lower-level inmates. Thousands more were released early as the state responded to the coronavirus pandemic.

The number of inmate firefighters is down nearly 30%

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Laura to be catastrophic hurricane

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Hurricane Laura rapidly gained strength on Wednesday, forecast to become a "catastrophic" Category 4 hurricane before striking the Texas and Louisiana coasts with wind and water now swirling over much of the Gulf of Mexico.

Satellite images show Laura's remarkable intensification into "a formidable hurricane" that can smash homes and sink entire communities, "and there are no signs it will stop soon," the National Hurricane Center said.

"Some areas, when they wake up Thursday morning, they're not going to believe what happened," said Stacy Stewart, a senior hurricane specialist.

"We could see storm surge heights more than 15 feet in some areas," Stewart said. "What doesn't get blown down by the wind could easily get knocked down by the rising ocean waters pushing well inland."

Laura grew nearly 70% in power in just 24 hours to reach Category 3 status, with maximum sustained winds around 115 mph (185 kph) on Wednesday morning. It was about 280 miles (450 kilometers) out from Lake Charles, Louisiana, moving

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Coos Bay fire under investigation

Blaze in a vacant house in Empire is latest in a series of fires in that area

The World

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay fire and police departments are investigating a Friday morning blaze that caused extensive damage to a vacant house at 264 N. Schoneman St.

The fire department was alerted to the fire about 8 a.m. Friday. Firefighters found heavy, black smoke pouring out of the boarded-up structure.

A fire company from North Bend was called to assist with putting out the fire, but the blaze caused significant damage to the home, said Coos Bay Fire Chief Mark Anderson. No injuries were reported.

Anderson said the fire was caused by someone who had made an unauthorized entry into the building, but that it's unclear whether the fire was set intentionally or by accident. It is similar to other suspicious fires in that area over the past six months, Anderson said.

The fire department is asking that anyone with information about the fire or other recent fires in the Empire area contact the Coos Bay Police Department at 541-269-8911.

247 new COVID-19 cases, 7 new deaths

The World

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed seven more lives in Oregon, raising the state’s death toll to 427, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 247 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the state total to 25,391.

The new cases reported Tuesday are in the following counties: Baker

(3), Benton (4), Clackamas (17), Clatsop (1), Columbia (2), Coos (2), Deschutes (1), Jackson (18), Jefferson (4), Lane (3), Lincoln (3), Linn (4), Malheur (20), Marion (40), Morrow (4), Multnomah (48), Polk (1), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (24), Union (1), Wallowa (1), Washington (38), and Yamhill (7).

Oregon’s 421st COVID-19 death is a 93-year-old woman in Lincoln County who died on August 15 in her residence. The death certificate

listed COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Oregon’s 422nd COVID-19 death is a 63-year-old man in Umatilla County who tested positive on August 3 and died on August 23, in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 423rd COVID-19 death is a 71-year-old woman in Umatilla County who tested positive on July 23

and died on August 23, in his residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 424th COVID-19 death is a 68-year-old man in Marion County who tested positive on July 25 and died on August 22, at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 425th COVID-19 death is an 87-year-old woman in Lincoln county who tested positive on August 5 and died on August 23, in her

residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 426th COVID-19 death is a 66-year-old man in Umatilla County who tested positive July 23 and died on August 20, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center, in Richfield, Washington. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 427th COVID-19 death is a 93-year-old woman in Multnomah County who tested positive on August 16 and died on August

21, at Adventist Medical Center. She had underlying conditions.

Stay informed about COVID-19:

Oregon response: The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Office of Emergency Management lead the state response.

nited States response: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leads the U.S. response.

Global response: The World Health Organization guides the global response.

Governor Brown calls for Portland violence to end

PORTLAND (AP) — Protesters repeatedly set fire late Monday night to a police union headquarters building and were repelled by officers spraying tear gas, officials said. Twenty-five people were arrested amid clashes that stretched into Tuesday morning.

Portland has been gripped by nightly protests for nearly three months since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Demonstrations, often violent, have targeted police buildings and federal buildings. Some protesters have called for reductions in police budgets while the city’s mayor and some people in the Black community have decried the violence, saying it is counterproductive.

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump renewed calls to have Gov. Kate Brown and Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler call in the state’s National Guard.

“They must stop calling these anarchists and agitators ‘peaceful protesters’. Come back into the real world! The Federal Government is ready to end this problem immediately upon your request,” Trump wrote on Twitter.

Brown responded on Twitter to Trump’s demand, calling it “political theater.”

People in a group of about 300 people late Monday hurled rocks and bottles at officers and set three fires to the sides of the building and one to an awning, police said. All the fires were put out. One demonstrator climbed atop the building’s roof to unfurl a banner and the building’s walls were spray-painted, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Brown said the state’s National Guard is currently focused on fighting wildfires, distributing personal protective equipment and unemployment.

“It’s time for the violence and vandalism to end so Portland can focus on the important work to be done to achieve real change for racial justice. Those who have committed acts of violence will be held accountable,” Brown wrote.

The governor said she would like to talk to Trump about “what we actually need,” including financial resources, N-95 masks and testing supplies.

In July the federal government sent agents to protect federal property in downtown Portland. Crowds grew into the thousands and agents repeatedly clashed with people over a two-week period, deployed tear gas and arrested people they said were hurling objects and trying to hurt agents and damage property.

Wheeler himself was tear gassed one night when he showed up at the protests.

Gov. Brown orders flags to half-staff

The World

SALEM — Governor Kate Brown ordered all flags at Oregon public institutions to be flown at half-staff today in honor of two fallen Oregon Marines, Lance Corporal Jack Ryan Ostrovsky of Bend, and Lance Corporal Chase D. Sweetwood of Portland. The two Oregon Marines were among nine service members, eight Marines and a Sailor, who lost their lives in an amphibious vehicle accident off the coast of San Clemente Island, California on July 30, 2020. Flags should be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

“These two young men, Lance Corporal Jack Ryan Ostrovsky of Bend, and Lance Corporal Chase D.



American flag at half-staff

Sweetwood of Portland, showed incredible honor, bravery, and dedication to the state, to their country, and as Marines,” said Governor Kate Brown.

“My heart goes out to their families and loved ones for their tremendous and unexpected loss. Dan and I extend our sincere appreciation for their service.”

UPS driver charged in I-5 shootings

PORTLAND (AP) — The Roseburg man suspected of shooting cars along Interstate 5 in Oregon from his UPS tractor-trailer rig remained in jail Tuesday on \$1 million bail.

Kenneth Ayers, 49, has pleaded not guilty to charges including attempted murder, assault and unlawful use of a weapon that were filed in Jackson County after his arrest last week, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

He was arrested 60 miles from where a woman was shot in her car between Gold Hill and Central Point.

A grand jury is expected to return an indictment this week, said Virginia Greer,

deputy district attorney for Jackson County.

State police said investigators believe Ayers shot at least seven vehicles on I-5 while driving his UPS truck -- in Josephine County on May 12, June 22 and July 9; Jackson County on June 2 and last Wednesday; and Douglas County on June 15 and July 7.

The charges Ayers faces so far are related to one of the interstate shootings in Jackson County -- the one last Wednesday -- and a shooting July 9 in Jackson County that injured a man. The same .45-caliber gun was used in both shootings, police said.

State police and prosecutors have declined to

comment on a possible motive.

Police found a gun consistent with the gun used in the shootings, Fox said.

The shootings began shortly after Ayers’ route changed and sent him from Roseburg south on I-5 and also along Oregon 140 and Oregon 62, police said. Before that, Ayers traveled north from Roseburg toward Portland.

UPS declined to comment Tuesday on the investigation, Ayers’ route change or if he is still employed by the company.

Ayers was appointed a public defender. A message left at a number listed for the attorney Tuesday by the newspaper wasn’t immediately returned.

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OREGON — Although things may be difficult right now, Pacific Power customers are not alone. More time at home means they are likely using more energy. Therefore, Pacific Power and Energy Trust of Oregon are offering residential customers in Oregon free options to help them reduce energy costs.

Now through Sept. 30, customers can choose between a Nest Thermostat-E or whole house efficiency kit, which contains 12 60w equivalent general-purpose LED light bulbs, two bathroom aerators, one kitchen aerator, one handheld showerhead, one LED

nightlight and one tier 1 advanced power strip.

Only residential customers in Oregon who have not received a kit through Energy Trust of Oregon in the last six months, or a smart thermostat ever, are eligible for this offer. Only one thermostat or one kit may be requested per customer.

Orders will be shipped within two to three weeks from the end of the promotion to qualified addresses.

Customers will need the first eight-digits of their Pacific Power account number, along with a valid Oregon mailing address within Pacific Power service territory to access the offer.

Who should customers contact if they have questions?

- Pacific Power for account related questions — 1-888-221-7070
- Energy Trust of Oregon for questions about other energy efficiency offers and incentives — 1-866-368-7878
- Techniart for ordering, shipping — customer-service@techniart.com (503-505-9590 only for customers who want to order, but do not have access to the internet – this line is available Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST. Customers calling outside of those hours can leave a message and will be called back the next business day)

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FDA apologizes for overstating plasma effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to an outcry from medical experts, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Stephen Hahn on Tuesday apologized for overstating the life-saving benefits of treating COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma.

Scientists and medical experts have been pushing back against the claims about the treatment since President Donald Trump’s announcement on Sunday that the FDA had decided to issue emergency authorization for convalescent plasma, taken from patients who have recovered from the coronavirus and rich in disease-fighting antibodies.

Trump hailed the decision as a historic breakthrough even though the treatment’s value has not been established. The announcement on the eve of Trump’s Republican National Convention raised suspicions that it was politically motivated to offset critics of the president’s handling of the pandemic.

Hahn had echoed Trump in saying that 35 more people out of 100

would survive the coronavirus if they were treated with the plasma. That claim vastly overstated preliminary findings of Mayo Clinic observations.

Hahn’s mea culpa comes at a critical moment for the FDA which, under intense pressure from the White House, is responsible for deciding whether upcoming vaccines are safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.

The 35% figure drew condemnation from other scientists and some former FDA officials, who called on Hahn to correct the record.

“I have been criticized for remarks I made Sunday night about the benefits of convalescent plasma. The criticism is entirely justified. What I should have said better is that the data show a relative risk reduction not an absolute risk reduction,” Hahn tweeted.

The FDA made the decision based on data the Mayo Clinic collected from hospitals around the country that were using plasma on patients in wildly varying ways -- and there was no comparison group of untreated

patients, meaning no conclusions can be drawn about overall survival. People who received plasma with the highest levels of antibodies fared better than those given plasma with fewer antibodies, and those treated sooner after diagnosis fared better than those treated later.

Hahn and other Trump administration officials presented the difference as an absolute survival benefit, rather than a relative difference between two treatment groups. Former FDA officials said the misstatement was inexcusable, particularly for a cancer specialist like Hahn.

“It’s extraordinary to me that a person involved in clinical trials could make that mistake,” said Dr. Peter Lurie, a former FDA official under the Obama administration who now leads the non-profit Center for Science in the Public Interest. “It’s mind-boggling.”

The 35% benefit was repeated by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar at Sunday’s briefing and promoted on Twitter by the FDA’s communication staff. The

number did not appear in FDA’s official letter justifying the emergency authorization.

Hahn has been working to bolster confidence in the agency’s scientific process, stating in interviews and articles that the FDA will only approve a vaccine that meets preset standards for safety and efficacy.

Lawrence Gostin of Georgetown University said Hahn’s performance Sunday undermined those efforts.

“I think the integrity of the FDA took a hit, if I were Stephen Hahn I would not have appeared at such a political show,” said Gostin, a public health attorney.

Hahn pushed back Tuesday morning against suggestions that the plasma announcement was timed to boost Trump ahead of the Republican convention.

“The professionals and the scientists at FDA independently made this decision, and I completely support them,” Hahn said, appearing on “CBS This Morning.”

Trump has recently accused some FDA staff,

without evidence, of deliberately holding up new treatments “for political reasons.” And Trump’s chief of staff, Mark Meadows, said over the weekend that FDA scientists “need to feel the heat.”

The administration has sunk vast resources into the race for a vaccine, and Trump aides have been hoping that swift progress could help the president ahead of November’s election.

At Sunday’s briefing Hahn did not correct Trump’s description of the regulatory move as a “breakthrough.” He also did not contradict Trump’s unsupported claim of a “deep state” effort at the agency working to slow down approvals.

Former FDA officials said the political pressure and attacks against the FDA carry enormous risk of undermining trust in the agency just when it’s needed most. A vaccine will only be effective against the virus if it is widely taken by the U.S. population.

“I think the constant pressure, the name-calling, the perception that decisions are made under

pressure is damaging,” said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, who previously served as FDA’s chief scientist. “We need the American people to have full confidence that medicines and vaccines are safe.”

Convalescent plasma is a century-old approach to treating the flu, measles and other viruses. But the evidence so far has not been conclusive about whether it works, when to administer it and what dose is needed.

The FDA emergency authorization is expected to increase its availability to additional hospitals. But more than 70,000 Americans have already received the therapy under FDA’s “expanded access” program. That program tracks patients’ response, but cannot prove whether the plasma played a role in their recovery.

Some scientists worry the broadened FDA access to the treatment will make it harder to complete studies of whether the treatment actually works. Those studies require randomizing patients to either receive plasma or a dummy infusion.

US virus cases are falling but testing still lags

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of Americans newly diagnosed with the coronavirus is falling — a development experts say most likely reflects more mask-wearing but also insufficient testing — even as the disease continues to claim nearly 1,000 lives in the U.S. each day.

About 43,000 new cases are being reported daily across the country, down 21% from early August, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. While the U.S., India and Brazil still have the highest numbers of new cases in the world, the downward trend is encouraging.

“It’s profoundly hopeful news,” said Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious-diseases expert at the University of California, San Francisco, who credits the American public’s growing understanding of how the virus spreads, more mask-wearing and, possibly, an increasing level of immunity.

“Hopefully all those factors are coming into play to get this virus under control in this country that’s really been battered by the pandemic,” she said.

But insufficient testing is probably concealing the

full extent of the crisis, said Dr. Jonathan Quick, who leads the pandemic response for the Rockefeller Foundation, which has recommended the U.S. test 4 million people a day by fall.

“We’re grossly under-testing in some of the places that are still having high caseloads,” Quick said, singling out Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Dakota as hot spots with high rates of positive test results.

Even at 43,000 new cases per day, the U.S. remains far above the numbers seen during the spring, when new daily cases peaked at about 34,000, he said.

“It’s a good trend, but nowhere near what we need to be,” Quick said of the recent decline.

The virus is blamed for more than 5.7 million confirmed infections and about 178,000 deaths in the U.S. Worldwide, the death toll is put at more than 810,000, with about 23.7 million cases.

Jeffrey Shaman, a public health expert at Columbia University, said he is skeptical enough people are immune to significantly slow the spread. But he agreed that changes in

Americans’ behavior could well be making a difference, recalling the impact that people’s actions had in containing Ebola in West Africa several years ago.

“Ebola stopped for reasons we didn’t anticipate at the time. It was so horrifying that people stopped touching each other,” Shaman said. Something similar may be happening with the coronavirus, he said.

“I know I don’t have nearly the number of contacts that I used to,” Shaman said. “But if we relax that, if we get complacent, will we just see another outbreak?”

The decline in newly reported cases in the U.S. comes even as deaths from the virus remain alarmingly high. Officials have reported an average of 965 deaths per day from COVID-19 recently, down from 1,051 deaths a day in early August.

Deaths from the coronavirus are a lagging indicator — they trail new infections because of the time it takes for people to get sick and succumb to the disease.

The percentage of tests coming back positive for the disease has also declined over the past two

weeks, from 7.3% to 6.1%. But that comes as the total number of tests administered has fallen from its August peak of more than 820,000 a day, leveling off in recent weeks at about 690,000 a day.

The situation has improved dramatically in several states that struggled with high caseloads earlier this summer.

In Arizona, for example, officials reported 859 new cases Tuesday, down from a peak of 5,500 in late June. More than 2,000 people arrived at the state’s hospitals showing symptoms of the virus on a single day in early July. This week, that number has been less than 1,000.

In Florida, where more than 10,000 people have died, the state reported 2,600 new virus cases Tuesday. Earlier in the summer, it was regularly reporting more than 10,000 new cases.

Malinda Coler, 37, of San Francisco, said she has been diligent about mask wearing and other preventive measures, less to protect herself than a best friend who has a compromised immune system, with severe arthritis psoriasis.

“So I wear a damned mask and get infuriated when others don’t,” she said.

Most states now have some type of mask re-

quirement, either through statewide orders issued by governors or from city and county rules that cover most of their population.

Even some conservative governors have gone along with masks. Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves mandated masks in all public places earlier this month, and Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp dropped a lawsuit against Atlanta in a dispute over a requirement by the state’s largest city.

In Leeds, Alabama, Will Heath said he has seen greater adherence to mask rules around town, whether in stores or at his 5-year-old daughter’s cheerleading practice.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Young man debates merits of keeping his virginity

DEAR ABBY: I’m a 28-year-old male who is still a virgin. I always wanted to be intimate with a virgin female for my first time, but I have never met one. I’ve had opportunities for sex but refrained because she wasn’t a virgin. The older I have gotten, the harder it has become to achieve my dream of being someone’s first and sharing this wonderful experience together. I doubt there are any virgin females my age left.

I know I have missed out on an important aspect of life that so many others have had. Should I start dating younger women, or let go of my fairytale first-time fantasy and have sex with just anybody, knowing I’ll regret it? Or should I hold out longer and wait for another virgin to come into my life? -- FAIRY-TALE DREAM

DEAR FAIRY-TALE DREAM: Consider pushing the pause button on your fantasy until the pandemic is under control, and do nothing that you know you’ll regret. Before going forward, figure out why sex with another virgin is so important to you. Once you have the answer to that, consider what you have to offer a girl like the one you fantasize about. Many virgins are saving themselves for marriage. If you are willing to wait until marriage to fulfill your fantasy, you may find what you’re looking for. (Or not.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 55 and recently started dating “Paul,” a 54-year-old man. His 26-year-old daughter, “Andrea,” lives with him. My problem is, she invites herself along on our weekend getaways, small trips, etc. He tells me he knows it’s a problem. Andrea is a college graduate working for her dad’s company, but she has no outside interests, no social skills and she’s afraid to talk to people one-on-one. She also doesn’t care about her appearance.

Paul doesn’t know what to do. His daughter doesn’t want to live with her mom, and he’s trying to get her acclimated to being her own person and independent. I suggested a life coach. He

knows he enables her to a certain extent. Other than this issue, our relationship is wonderful. Please help. -- THREE’S A CROWD IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR THREE’S A CROWD: It should be obvious that Paul’s attempts to help his daughter not only haven’t worked, but may have contributed to her problem. She needs professional help for her severe social anxiety. Start with her physician. Her doctor or insurance company can refer her to someone qualified. Her father should insist upon this, rather than continue to enable her.

DEAR ABBY: I was cheated on by my ex-husband. Since our divorce, I am interested only in married men. I have been to therapy, but I can’t seem to shake it. I hit on married men because I don’t believe all men are faithful. Is this unhealthy, and what can I do about it? -- NOT RIGHT IN THE NORTH

DEAR NOT RIGHT: What you’re doing is definitely unhealthy! You didn’t mention how long ago your divorce happened, but hitting on married men may be your way of ensuring that you won’t become so deeply involved your heart is broken again. Perhaps you will be less inclined to continue these liaisons if, before starting another one, you take a moment to consider their effect on the wives and children involved.

P.S. And since your first therapist was unable to help you, contact another one.

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Two people shot to death in Wisconsin protest

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — Two people were shot to death and another was wounded during a third night of protests in Kenosha over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake, and authorities Wednesday hunted for a possible vigilante seen on cellphone video opening fire in the middle of the street with a rifle.

The gunfire was reported just before midnight, and Sheriff David Beth said one victim was shot in the head and another in the chest, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported. The third victim’s wounds were not believed to be life-threatening.

According to witness accounts and video footage, police apparently let the young white man responsible for some or all of the shootings walk past them with a semi-automatic rifle over his shoulder as members of the crowd were yelling for him to be arrested because he had shot people.

Beth said that investigators had reviewed footage and that he was confident a man would be arrested soon.

The sheriff told the Journal Sentinel that armed people had been patrolling the city’s streets in recent nights, but he did not know if the gunman was among them.

“They’re a militia,” Beth said. “They’re like a vigilante group.”

The FBI said it is assisting in the case.

Cellphone video of at least two of the shootings that was posted online shows a young man with a rifle jogging down the middle of a street as a crowd and some police officers follow him. Someone in the crowd can be heard asking, “What did he do?” and another person responds that the man had shot someone.

The man with the gun stumbles and falls, and as he is approached by people in the crowd, he fires three

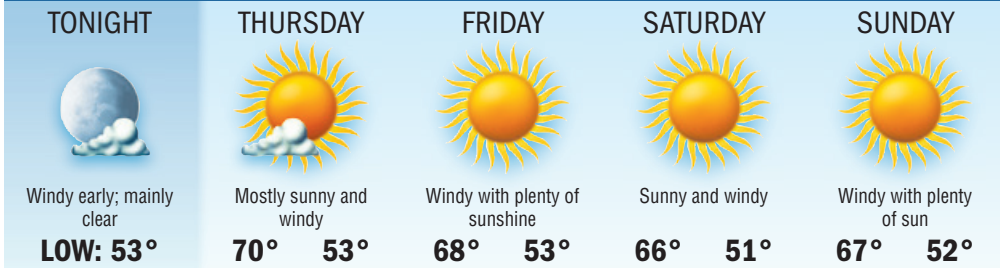
or four shots from a seated position, hitting at least two people, including one who falls over and another who stumbles away to cries of “Medic! Medic!”

A witness, Julio Rosas, 24, said that when the gunman stumbled and fell, “two people jumped onto him and there was a struggle for control of his rifle. At that point during the struggle, he just began to fire multiple rounds and that dispersed people near him.”

“The rifle was being jerked around in all directions while it was being fired,” Rosas said.

In the cellphone footage, as the crowd scatters, the gunman stands up and continues walking down the street as police cars arrive. The man puts up his hands and walks toward the squad cars, with someone in the crowd yelling at police that the man had just shot someone, but several of the cars drive past him toward the people who had been shot.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Tuesday

TEMPERATURE

High/low	66°/51°
Normal high/low	66°/53°
Record high	91° in 2016
Record low	45° in 1993

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.00"
Year to date	28.02"
Last year to date	41.90"
Normal year to date	37.33"

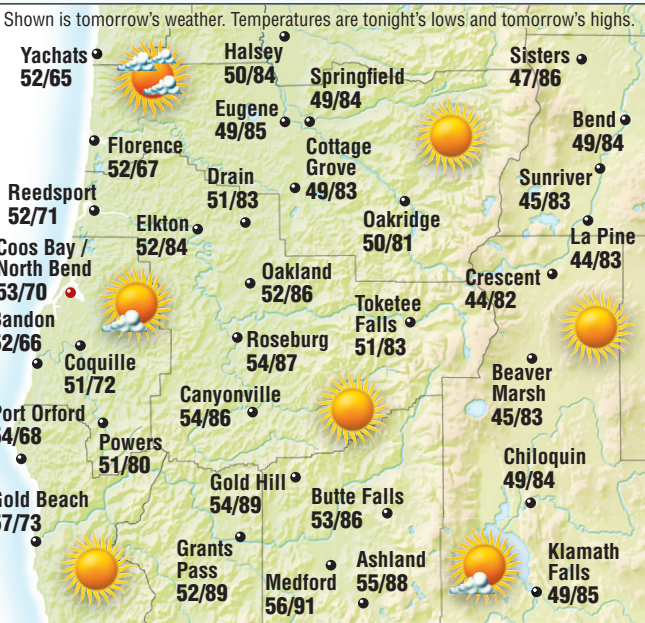
SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:36 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:45 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	12:53 a.m.

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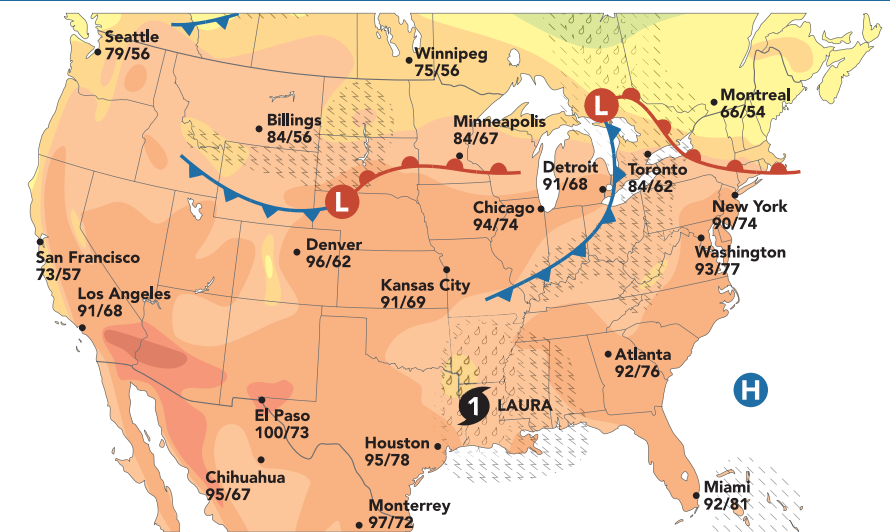
OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Thru.
	Hi/Lo Prec.	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	69/57 0.00	70/52/pc
Burns	90/51 0.00	87/41/s
Brookings	67/54 0.00	74/55/s
Corvallis	84/55 0.00	84/53/s
Eugene	85/52 0.00	85/50/s
Klamath Falls	86/52 0.00	85/48/s
La Grande	81/58 Trace	84/44/s
Medford	93/65 0.00	91/56/s
Newport	63/45 0.00	65/48/pc
Pendleton	84/60 0.00	86/53/s
Portland	82/57 0.00	81/57/s
Redmond	89/66 0.01	86/44/s
Roseburg	88/62 0.00	87/55/s
Salem	82/55 0.00	83/53/s
The Dalles	89/57 0.00	88/56/s

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.
54°	74°	57°	73°	56°	91°	49°	85°	58°	81°	54°	69°	44°	86°

NATIONAL FORECAST



Shown are tomorrow's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
National high: 119° at Death Valley, CA National low: 34° at Angel Fire, NM

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	City	Thu.	Fri.	City	Thu.	Fri.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	93/67/pc	95/69/pc	Fargo	78/59/pc	76/53/t	Pittsburgh	84/70/t	81/68/t
Anchorage	62/49/pc	63/49/c	Flagstaff	84/54/t	81/52/pc	Pocatello	85/50/pc	88/50/s
Atlanta	92/76/c	89/75/t	Fresno	98/70/s	101/71/s	Portland, ME	69/53/pc	76/60/pc
Atlantic City	90/76/s	87/77/pc	Green Bay	86/65/pc	74/58/r	Providence	81/64/t	84/67/t
Austin	97/78/pc	101/77/t	Hartford, CT	82/63/t	84/64/t	Raleigh	94/74/s	95/75/pc
Baltimore	95/75/pc	93/74/t	Helena	85/49/pc	85/52/s	Rapid City	84/59/t	81/51/pc
Billings	84/56/c	82/57/s	Honolulu	89/76/s	90/77/pc	Redding	101/69/s	107/68/s
Birmingham	92/76/t	86/76/t	Houston	95/78/t	94/78/t	Reno	91/59/s	95/62/pc
Boise	90/58/s	91/62/s	Indianapolis	87/73/t	85/70/t	Richmond, VA	95/76/s	96/75/pc
Boston	74/62/t	78/67/pc	Kansas City	91/69/pc	91/67/c	Sacramento	94/62/s	98/63/s
Buffalo	83/65/t	80/68/t	Key West	90/83/pc	91/84/pc	St. Louis	91/77/t	89/73/t
Burlington, VT	67/55/t	74/59/pc	Las Vegas	108/82/s	108/83/s	Salt Lake City	95/67/s	92/68/pc
Caribou, ME	70/45/pc	70/43/pc	Lexington	85/73/t	87/71/t	San Angelo	100/76/pc	105/77/s
Casper	91/52/pc	83/51/s	Little Rock	85/72/r	83/74/t	San Diego	83/70/pc	81/70/s
Charleston, SC	93/76/pc	92/77/c	Los Angeles	91/68/pc	90/64/s	San Francisco	73/57/s	77/58/pc
Charleston, WV	83/72/t	86/70/t	Louisville	88/77/t	89/74/t	San Jose	84/61/s	87/61/s
Charlotte, NC	94/76/c	92/74/pc	Madison	88/69/pc	80/60/t	Santa Fe	91/58/pc	92/58/pc
Cheyenne	89/58/pc	77/55/t	Memphis	91/76/t	84/76/t	Seattle	79/56/s	77/55/s
Chicago	94/74/s	89/69/t	Miami	92/81/t	93/80/t	Sioux Falls	91/68/pc	85/55/s
Cincinnati	84/73/t	86/71/t	Milwaukee	89/71/pc	81/66/t	Spokane	84/54/s	86/56/s
Cleveland	87/70/pc	82/68/t	Minneapolis	84/67/pc	82/61/r	Springfield, IL	91/72/pc	88/67/pc
Colorado Spgs	92/64/c	82/58/t	Missoula	85/46/s	86/48/s	Springfield, MA	78/62/t	82/62/t
Columbus, OH	85/73/t	85/71/t	Nashville	92/76/c	87/75/t	Syracuse	80/63/t	78/66/t
Concord, NH	66/51/pc	80/57/pc	New Orleans	90/80/t	91/78/t	Tampa	92/78/pc	91/79/t
Dallas	88/73/t	98/80/t	New York City	90/74/t	87/73/t	Toledo	93/71/t	87/70/t
Dayton	87/73/t	85/70/t	Norfolk, VA	95/78/s	94/78/pc	Trenton	92/71/pc	89/72/t
Daytona Beach	91/77/t	91/76/t	Oklahoma City	89/68/t	95/72/s	Tucson	106/80/pc	105/79/pc
Denver	96/62/c	83/60/t	Olympia, WA	80/52/s	81/50/s	Tulsa	89/72/t	94/73/s
Des Moines	94/73/s	91/61/t	Omaha, WA	97/75/s	93/61/t	Washington, DC	93/77/s	93/76/t
Detroit	91/68/pc	83/69/r	Orlando	93/76/c	93/77/t	W. Palm Beach	91/79/t	92/78/t
El Paso	100/73/s	102/76/s	Philadelphia	93/75/pc	90/74/t	Wichita	91/68/pc	95/70/s
Fairbanks	66/46/pc	62/45/c	Phoenix	112/89/s	110/87/pc	Wilmington, DE	92/72/pc	90/74/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prec.-precipitation.

Hurricane

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northwest at 15 mph.

Top winds of 130 mph are now predicted before landfall, pushing water onto more than 450 miles of coast from Texas to Mississippi.

“Heed the advice of your local authorities. If they tell you to go, go! Your life depends on it today,” said Joel Cline, tropical program coordinator at the National Weather Service. “It’s a serious day and you need to listen to them.”

Hurricane warnings were issued from San Luis Pass, Texas, to Intracoastal City, Louisiana, and reached inland for 200 miles (322 kilometers). Storm surge warnings were in effect from Freeport, Texas, to the mouth of the Mississippi River.

A Category 4 hurricane can cause damage so catastrophic that power outages may last for months in places, and wide areas could be uninhabitable for weeks or months, posing a new disaster relief challenge for a government already straining to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

“We need to be concerned about the federal capacity to respond to a major hurricane disaster, particularly in light of failings that are all too

obvious in the public health area,” said Kathleen Tierney, former director of the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado. “I really worry: Who’s minding the store?”

In the largest U.S. evacuation during this pandemic era, more than half a million people were ordered Tuesday to flee from their homes near the Texas-Louisiana state line, including the Texas cities of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur, and the low-lying Calcasieu and Cameron parishes in southwestern Louisiana, where forecasters said storm surge topped by waves could submerge whole communities.

A National Weather Service meteorologist in Lake Charles, Louisiana -- in the bullseye of Laura’s projected path -- took to Facebook Live to deliver an urgent warning for people living south of Interstate 10 in southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas. “Your life will be in immediate and grave danger beginning this evening if you do not evacuate,” Donald Jones said.

Laura also is expected to quickly dump massive rainfall as it moves inland, causing widespread flash flooding in states far from the coast. Flash flood watches were issued for much of Arkansas, and forecasters said heavy

rainfall could move to parts of Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky late Friday, Laura is so powerful that it’s expected to become a tropical storm again, menacing the northeastern United States, once it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

Urging people in southwest Louisiana to evacuate before it’s too late, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said they need to reach wherever they intend to ride out the storm by noon Wednesday. In Galveston and Port Arthur, many people boarded buses to Austin and other inland cities.

“If you decide to stay, you’re staying on your own,” Port Arthur Mayor Thurman Bartie said.

Officials urged people to stay with relatives or in hotel rooms to avoid spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Buses were stocked with protective equipment and disinfectant, and they would carry fewer passengers to keep people apart, Texas officials said.

Even before dawn Wednesday, officials in Austin said the city had run out of free hotel rooms to offer evacuees and had begun directing families fleeing the storm to a shelter nearly 200 miles farther north.

“Everyone’s recent memory is Harvey. We want them to evacuate,” said Bryce Bencivengo, a

spokesman for the Austin’s homeland security and emergency management office.

Becky Clements, 56, evacuated from Lake Charles after hearing that it could suffer a direct hit, almost exactly 15 years after Hurricane Rita destroyed the city. She and her family found an AirBnb hundreds of miles inland.

“The devastation afterward in our town and that whole corner of the state was just awful,” Clements said. “Whole communities were washed away, never to exist again. ... So knowing how devastating the storms are, there was no way we were going to stay for this.”

Clements, a church educator, said she fears for her office, which is in a trailer following recent construction.

“I very much anticipate that my office will be gone when I get back. It will be scattered throughout that field.”

The hurricane also threatens a center of the U.S. energy industry. The government said 84% of Gulf oil production and an estimated 61% of natural gas production were shut down. Nearly 300 platforms have been evacuated. Consumers are unlikely to see big price hikes however, because the pandemic has decimated demand for fuel.

“President Trump is fighting for all of us. He delivered the best economy in our history and he will do it again,” Vlaisavljevic said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addressed the convention and the nation during an official overseas trip in Israel.

“President Trump has put his America First vision into action,” Pompeo said. “It may not have made him popular in every foreign capital, but it’s worked.”

Pompeo’s taped appearance broke with decades of tradition of secretaries of state avoiding the appearance of involving themselves in domestic politics. That his video was filmed in Jerusalem, where he was

Ski resort that hosted 1960 Olympics to change name

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (AP) — California’s popular Squaw Valley Ski Resort will change its name because the word “squaw” is a derogatory term for Native American women, officials announced Tuesday. The site was the scene of the 1960 Winter Olympics.

The decision was reached after consulting with local Native American groups and extensive research into the etymology and history of the term “squaw,” said Ron Cohen, president and COO of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows.

The word “squaw,” derived from the Algonquin language, may have once simply meant “woman.” But over generations, the word morphed into a misogynist and racist term

to disparage Indigenous women.

“While we love our local history and the memories we all associate with this place as it has been named for so long, we are confronted with the overwhelming evidence that the term ‘squaw’ is considered offensive,” Cohen said.

Work to find a new name will start immediately and is expected to be announced next year, he said.

When settlers arrived in the 1850s in the area where the Sierra Nevada resort is now located, they first saw only Native American women working in a meadow. The land near Lake Tahoe was believed to have been given the name Squaw Valley by those early settlers.

Wildfires

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from last year, from 1,895 to 1,354, said corrections department spokesman Aaron Francis.

However, a dozen inmate firefighting camps that had been forced to shut down in June for two-week quarantines because of the coronavi-

rus are back in operation, meaning all 43 camps are operating but at about 40% of capacity, Francis said.

Newsom has dedicated \$72.4 million to hire 858 additional seasonal firefighters and field six more California Conservation Corps crews through October.

“During this extreme fire activity it’s all hands on deck,” Berlant said.

Melania

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contain the pandemic and the related economic devastation, Republicans have yet to identify a consistent political message arguing for his reelection.

Mrs. Trump noted that the lives of Americans changed “drastically” in March with the onset of the coronavirus. But other speakers made little mention of the pandemic even as it remains a dominant issue for voters.

The COVID-19 death toll surged past 178,000 on Tuesday, by far the highest in the world, and there is no sign of slowing. The nation’s unemployment rate

still exceeds 10%, which is higher than it was during the Great Recession. And more than 100,000 businesses are feared closed forever.

At the same time, the White House seems to have abandoned efforts to negotiate another federal rescue package with Congress.

There were fierce attacks on Biden throughout the night, although the lineup generally maintained a positive tone -- in part due to some last-minute changes.

Mary Ann Mendoza, an Arizona woman whose son, a police officer, was killed in 2014 in a car accident involving an immigrant in the country

illegally, was pulled from the program minutes before the event began. She had directed her Twitter followers to a series of anti-Semitic, conspiratorial messages.

There were also barrier breakers featured like Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the first African American to hold statewide office in Kentucky, and Florida Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, first Latina to hold that office in her state.

And the convention featured a Democrat for the second night: Robert Vlaisavljevic, the mayor of Eveleth, Minnesota, who praised Trump’s support for his state’s mining industry in particular.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

Stock	Close	Open
Intel	49.43	49.47
Kroger	36.09	35.70
Microsoft	216.43	221.09
Nike	111.51	111.69

NW Natural	52.56	50.96
Skywest	32.85	32.21
Starbucks	82.73	82.33
Umpqua Hlds	11.43	11.27
Weyerhaeuser	29.13	29.13
Xerox	18.91	18.88

Levi Strauss	12.67	12.51
Dow Jones closed at 28,248.82		
NASDAQ closed at 11,466.17		
S&P 500 closed at 3,443.66		

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LOTTERY

MegaMillions

Aug. 25

8-10-15-17-57

Megaball: 12

Multiplier: x3

Jackpot: \$68 million

Powerball

Aug. 22

19-30-36-42-66

Powerball: 12

Multiplier: x3

Jackpot: \$37 million

Megabucks

Aug. 24

11-29-36-38-42-45

Jackpot: \$1 Million

Win For Life

Aug. 24

32-45-54-77

Pick 4

Aug. 25

2-1-6-5

CHICAGO (AP) — Lucas Giolito quietly walked to the mound for the ninth inning, piped-in fake crowd noise wafting through the ballpark and cardboard cutouts dotting the stands.

Moments later, the Chicago White Sox right-hander threw the final pitch in a truly bizarre performance.

A no-fan no-no.

With the seats at Guaranteed Rate Field empty, Giolito pitched the first no-hitter of the pandemic-delayed season, striking out 13 in leading the White Sox over the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 Tuesday night.

“2020 has been a very strange year,” said Giolito, who conducted a postgame interview while wearing a mask. “Obviously a lot of weird stuff going on with COVID and the state of the world, so may as well throw this in the mix.”

Sounds like he didn’t mind that nobody saw it. Well, almost no one.

After right fielder Adam Engel extended on the run to catch Erik Gonzalez’s slicing drive toward the line for the final out, the holders of Giolito’s teammates in the middle of the diamond echoed

around the stadium.

"I'm just stoked for Lucas and so happy and ecstatic and emotional for Lucas," Engel said. "It stinks we couldn't celebrate the way most no-hitters get celebrated."

The smallest crowd listed for any no-hitter in the majors over the last 100 years came in 1944, when a mere 1,014 watched Cincinnati's Clyde Shoun beat the Braves at Crosley Field.

Nowhere close to that number on this night, not with the park that holds over 40,000 closed to fans because of virus protocols.

Suffice to say, years from now when White Sox fans fondly remember Giolito's gem, there will not be, say, 100,000 or so people claiming they were there to see it in person.

At one point early in the game, some members of grounds crew drifted in sight, but that was about it outside of the teams.

An All-Star last year, the 26-year-old Giolito (3-2) matched his career high for strikeouts set in his previous start against Detroit.

Only a four-pitch walk to Gonzalez leading off the fourth inning got in Giolito's way of perfection. That was only runner

he permitted while throwing 101 pitches

"I've been working for this type of game for a while now and it's really cool that we got it done," Giolito said.

Giolito relied on his changeup and fastball to make quick work of the Pirates, who came into the game batting just .229 and have the worst record in the majors. Six of their starters finished the game hitting under .199 this season.

The White Sox rushed toward the mound after the final out in Giolito's first career no-hitter. Giolito hugged catcher James McCann as the Chicago players joined the party.

The South Side of Chicago normally rattles with fireworks after a home win -- this is the club that gave the game the exploding scoreboard -- but the park remained silent as the dug-out emptied.

Giolito, meanwhile, was locked in his own zone in the later innings, fully aware of what was at stake.

"After the seventh, six more outs, looking at who I was facing, became very, very, very possible," he said, "and then we were able to get it done."

Giolito said his approach never wavered.

“Just staying with the same, like, mental routine for every single pitch. One pitch at a time. Full focus, full execution, straight through the target,” he said.

Giolito pitched the 19th no-hitter in White Sox history — second most to the Dodgers’ 23 — and first since Philip Humber threw a perfect game at Seattle in 2012. This was the seventh time the Pirates have been held hitless, with Washington’s Max Scherzer having done it in 2015.

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson made a nifty play on a grounder by Bryan Reynolds up the middle in the seventh to preserve the gem, helped by first baseman Jose Abreu’s stretch at the bag.

In the ninth, Gonzalez hit a liner that Engel, a fleet center fielder for most of his career, caught on the run at knee-high height.

“Yeah man, I think I got it,” Gonzalez said. “With that at-bat, I was a little bit mad because I don’t want to be part of history.”

Giolito improved to 30-28 in his big league career. He made his debut with Washington in 2016, then was traded after that

season to the White Sox in a package for outfielder Adam Eaton.

Giolito gave up a major league-high 118 earned runs in 2018, his first full season in Chicago.

"I was pretty much bottom of the league in almost every stat," Giolito said. "I kind of had to ... learn from failure to learn my true potential."

He added: "I always envisioned that I'd throw a no-hitter in the big leagues."

Giolito threw the first no-hitter at Guaranteed Rate Field since Minnesota's Francisco Liriano did it in 2011.

The White Sox, who've won eight of their last nine, ended the Pirates' season-best winning streak at three games.

Giolito was dominant in his previous start, too, fanning 13 against Detroit and allowing just three hits in seven innings. The victory over Pittsburgh was his third career shutout.

Chicago's first three batters reached in the second and all three came home one at a time after Engel's groundout and singles Anderson and Eloy Jimenez. McCann added a sacrifice fly in the third off Steven Brault (0-1).

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Paul George finally found his way.

The All-Star guard scored 35 points and the Los Angeles Clippers rolled past the Dallas Mavericks 154-111 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

George had shot 29% in the series and endured fans' wrath on social media. He said he spoke to the team psychiatrist before Game 5.

"I mean, whatever it was, the bubble got the best of me," George said. "I was just in a dark place. I really wasn't here. I checked out. The past couple of games, it was just difficult."

George said it didn't feel like the playoffs until his teammates decided to create the atmosphere that was lacking inside the NBA's Walt Disney World bubble.

"I came in with that mindset that this is Staples, we're at home," he said. "The place is packed. I really had to psych myself up. I thought the whole team took that and we ran with it. We created our own energy. We decided to dictate this game."

Kawhi Leonard scored 32 points and Montrezl Harrell added 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers, who set a franchise record for points in a playoff game. Los Angeles can clinch the series on Thursday.

Dallas' Luka Doncic, who hit a game-winner at the buzzer in Game 4 to cap off a 43-point triple-double, was held to 22 points on 6-for-17 shooting.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Portland guard Damian Lillard has a sprained right knee and will be sidelined Wednesday when the Trail Blazers play a win-or-else Western Conference first-round game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Blazers trail the best-of-seven series 3-1, and now will play without their leading scorer.

Lillard got hurt while driving to the basket and drawing a foul with 7:16 left in the third quarter of Monday's game against the Lakers. The knee seemed to buckle as Lillard made an awkward landing and he was clearly limping as he made his way to the foul line.

During a time-out that was called about a minute later, Lillard briefly made his way into an area of the arena that isn't visible from the court. He returned to the bench before the time-out was over and remained in the game for about another minute, before departing for good with 5:18 left in the third.

An MRI performed Monday night was inconclusive, prompting the Blazers to schedule the second one Tuesday — after which the sprain was diagnosed.

Lillard was the unanimous winner of the MVP award during the seeding games portion of the restarted season, the eight-game stretch that got the Blazers into the play-in round against the Memphis Grizzlies. He's averaged 30.5 points per game inside the Disney bubble since the season restarted July 30, that average second in the league only behind Houston's James Harden — who's averaging 33 points per contest.

Lillard willed the Blazers into the postseason with one dazzling performance after another. Portland won their final three seeding games by a total of seven points; Lillard had 51, 61 and 42 points, respectively, in those games.

Lillard has been very durable during his eight NBA seasons, all of them coming with the Blazers. They've played 703 regular-season and playoff games since he was drafted; he's appeared in 670 of them, or 95.3%, and started his career by playing in 286 consecutive Portland contests, including playoff matchups.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle was ejected in the third quarter of the testy game, which included six technicals and a flagrant-1 foul. Doncic said Clippers forward Marcus Morris might have

stepped on his ankle intentionally early in the third quarter.

"I don't want to talk to him," Doncic said. "He's just saying a lot of bad stuff to me all the game. I don't want to talk to him."

I've just got to move on. Like I said, everybody's going to have their own opinion. I just hope it wasn't intentional. If that was intentional, that's very bad."

Mavericks center Kristaps Porzingis sat out with right knee soreness. It was the second straight game the 7-foot-3 Latvian missed.

The Clippers shot 61% in the first half and led by as many as 27 points. The Clippers continued the onslaught in the second half, bumping the lead to as many as 45 points.

"Tough game," Carlisle said. "Very poor performance by us. It was disappointing. It was very physical. We just need to have a stronger physical disposition to start the game and throughout. We've got to get some more traction at both ends of the floor."

NUGGETS 117, JAZZ 107: Jamal Murray scored 33 of his 42 points in a second half where he played every minute and Denver beat Utah to avoid elimination.

The Nuggets trail the sixth-seeded Jazz 3-2 with Game 6 on Thursday.

Murray was unstoppable down the stretch in nearly matching his 50-point effort in Game 4. He hit 17 of 26 shots and had eight assists, including a pass to Nikola Jokic for a 3-pointer with 23.6 seconds remaining that sealed the win.

Jokic scored 21 of his 31 points in the first quarter.

Donovan Mitchell finished with 30 points for Utah while wearing a pair of bright, multi-colored shoes. The sharpshooter is averaging 37.6 points over the five games.

ANNE M. PETERSON
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The National Women's Soccer League, coming off the success of the Challenge Cup tournament, will play a series of games this fall in local markets with selected matches on national television.

The league's nine teams will be divided into three groups, with each team playing four matches beginning Sept. 5. The groups are geographically based to minimize travel.

CBS will air a game a week each Saturday in September, with additional games on CBS Sports Network and CBS All Access.

"I am so excited to smartly and safely take this next step on the NWSL's journey," NWSL Commissioner Lisa Baird said in a statement. "The women of the NWSL want to compete and we've certainly heard from our fans all over the world looking for more action this year."

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Penn State linebacker Micah Parsons and Oregon tackle Penei Sewell are among 11 players selected to The Associated Press preseason All-America first team who are not slated to play this fall.

The team was selected by 47 AP poll voters, who were asked to consider all Division I players — even those who had already opted out of the season or whose teams had postponed football.

The results show just how much star power will be missing from this pandemic-altered college football season. Twelve second-team All-Americans will also not play in the fall, including quarterback Justin Fields from defending Big Ten champion and

preseason No. 2 Ohio State. The Big Ten, Pac-12, Mid-American and Mountain West conferences have decided to try to play football in the second semester. As of now, Fields has given no indication that he won't be with the Buckeyes if they do. Same goes for Sewell, the Outland Trophy winner and potential top-five NFL draft pick, and Oregon teammate Kayvon Thibodeaux, a sophomore defensive end, and Oregon State senior linebacker Hamilcar Rached Jr, who also were on the first team.

Parsons is among a handful of stars who have said they are gone for good, opting out of the season to concentrate on preparing for the draft. Along with Parsons, Purdue's Rondale Moore, selected as an all-purpose player, Miami defensive end Gregory

Rousseau and Pittsburgh defensive tackle Jaylen Twyman were first-team All-America opt outs.

Quarterback — Trevor Lawrence, junior, Clemson. Running backs — Chuba Hubbard, junior, Oklahoma State; Travis Etienne, senior, Clemson. Tackles — x-Penei Sewell, junior, Oregon; Alex Leatherwood, senior, Alabama. Guards — x-Wyatt Davis, junior, Ohio State; Trey Smith, senior, Tennessee. Center — Creed Humphrey, junior, Oklahoma. Tight end — x-Pat Freiermuth, junior, Penn State. Receivers — Ja'Marr Chase, junior, LSU; DeVonta Smith, senior, Alabama. All-purpose player — y-Rondale Moore, junior, Purdue. Kicker — x-Keith Duncan, senior, Iowa.

DEFENSE

Ends — x-Kayvon Thibodeaux, sophomore, Oregon; y-Gregory Rousseau, junior, Miami. Tackles — Marvin Wilson, senior, Florida State; y-Jaylen Tyman, junior, Pitt. Linebackers — y-Micah Parsons, junior, Penn State; x-Hamilar Rashed Jr., senior, Oregon State; Dylan Moses, senior, Alabama. Cornerbacks — Derek Stingley Jr., sophomore, LSU; x-Shaun Wade, junior, Ohio State. Safeties — Richard LeCounte, senior, Georgia; Andre Cisco, junior, Syr-

Quarterback — x-Justin Fields, junior, Ohio State. Running backs — Najee Harris, senior, Alabama; Kenneth Gainwell, sophomore, Memphis. Tackles — Samuel Cosmi, junior, Texas; x-Cole Van Lanen, senior, Wisconsin. Guards — x-Nolan Laurenberg, senior, Air Force; x-Alijah Vera-Tucker, junior, Southern California. Center — x-Tyler Linderbaum, junior, Iowa. Tight end — Charlie Kolar, junior, Iowa State. Receivers — Tylan Wallace, senior, Oklahoma State; y-Rashod Bateman, junior, Minnesota. All-purpose player — Jaylen Waddle, junior, Alabama. Kicker — Gabe Brck, sophomore, Oklahoma.

Defense

Ends — Carlos Basham, senior, Wake Forest; Quincy Roche, senior, Miami. Tackles — y-Jay Tufele, junior, Southern California; x-Levi Onwuzurike, senior, Washington. Linebackers — Chazz Surratt senior, North Carolina; Nick Bolton, junior, Missouri; x-Paddy Fisher, senior, Northwestern. Cornerbacks — Patrick Surtain II, junior, Alabama; y-Caleb Farley, junior, Virginia Tech. Safeties — x-Jevon Holland, junior, Oregon; Trevon Moehrig, junior, TCU. Punter — x-Adam Korsak, junior, Rutgers.