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State's COVID cases now exceed 25,000

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PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed three more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 420, the Oregon Health Authority reported Monday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 220 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the state total to 25,155.

The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported today are in the following counties: Clackamas (22), Columbia (1), Coos (1), Deschutes (1), Jackson (23), Jefferson (7), Josephine (1), Klamath (2), Lane (2), Malheur (7), Marion (33), Morrow (2), Multnomah (59), Polk (2), Umatilla (11), Washington (34), and Yamhill (12).

Oregon's 418th COVID-19

death is an 87-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on Aug. 16 and died on Aug. 22, in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 419th COVID-19 death is a 77-year-old man in Washington County who tested positive on Aug. 14 and died on Aug. 18, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 420th COVID-19 death is a 73-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on July 29 and died on Aug. 23, in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Medicaid enrollment increases by more than 100,000 members since March

Last week, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) had an increase of 4,016 members, bringing the total number of members to

1,180,497. Since the March 8 emergency declaration, OHP's enrollment has increased by more than 100,000 members or 9.3 percent.

About 1 in 4 of the additional members are new enrollments to OHP. The rest of the increase is due to a policy change that keeps the vast majority of members enrolled in the program during this national emergency. Since the end of March, people exiting the program decreased by around 75 percent from 20,000 people a month to about 5,000 a month. Adults eligible for OHP through the Affordable Care Act have made up about 60 percent of the program's growth, and children covered by Medicaid account for about 25 percent of the growth.

Federal funding has increased to support states' increases in

the program. This 6.2 percent increase in federal Medicaid matching funds has covered and is projected to cover Oregon's enrollment increases through the end of the year.

The Oregon Health Authority has made several changes to its Medicaid program to support health care access for Oregonians during the response to COVID-19. These changes include:

- Individuals can sign up for OHP without having to verify their income (submit a pay stub) with their application. They can self-attest, which helps Oregonians get access to OHP coverage more quickly.
- Most members who are currently enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan will not lose coverage during this crisis.
- Federal stimulus payments

and increased unemployment payments will not affect OHP eligibility. They will not be counted during the application process or when members report a change in their household.

OHP provides free physical, dental and behavioral health coverage to Oregonians who qualify. For more information about applying for OHP, go to OHP.Oregon.gov.

Stay informed about COVID-19:

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

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

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

Republican convention showcases rising stars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising generation of Republican stars offered an optimistic view of President Donald Trump's leadership but was undermined on the opening night of the GOP's scaled-back convention by speakers issuing dark warnings about the country's future and distorting the president's record, particularly on the coronavirus pandemic.

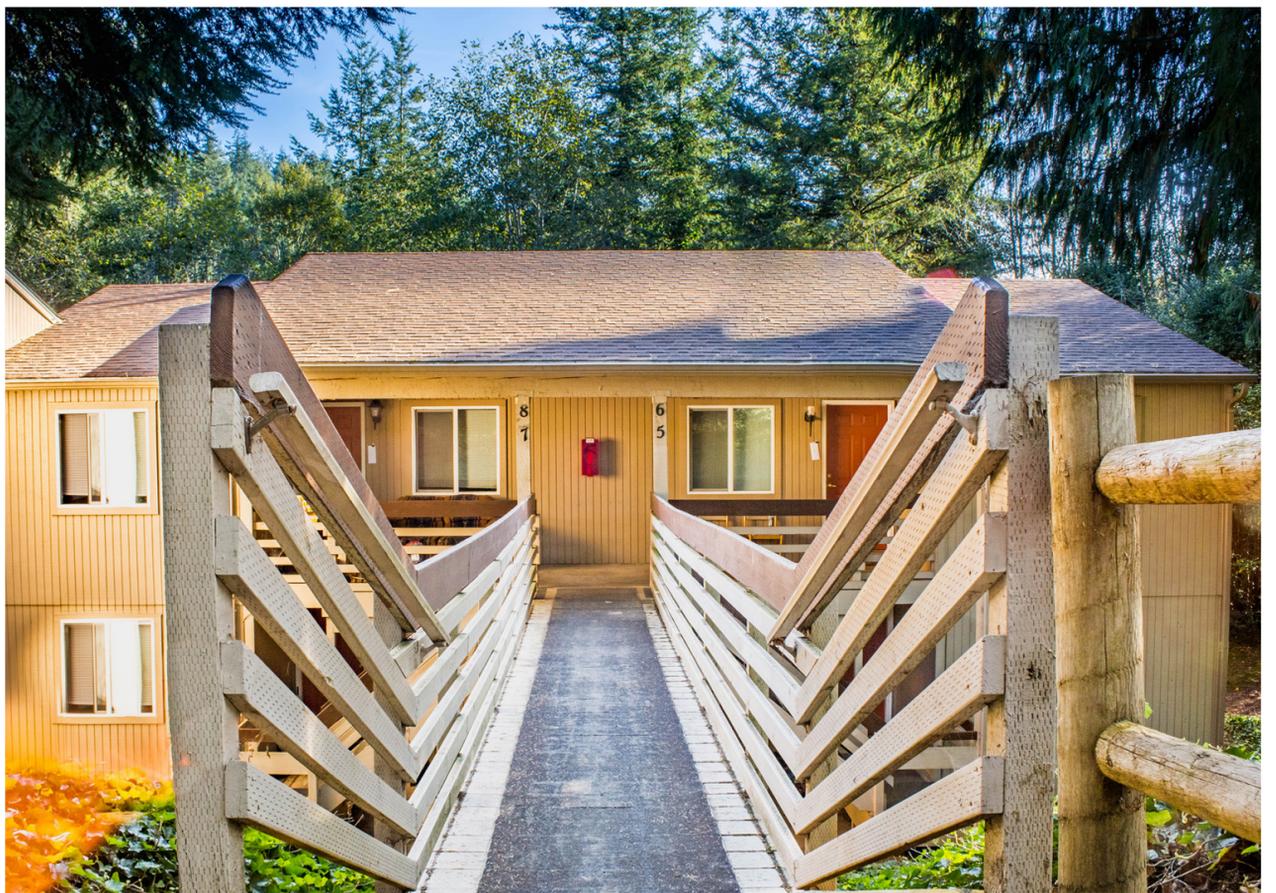
As Trump faces pressure to expand his appeal beyond his loyal supporters, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the Senate's sole Black Republican, and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, the daughter of Indian immigrants, sought to cast the GOP as welcoming to Americans of color, despite the party's overwhelmingly white leadership and voting base.

"I was a brown girl in a black and white world," Haley said Monday night, noting that she faced discrimination but rejecting the idea that "America is a racist country." She also gave a nod to the Black Lives Matter movement, saying "of course we know that every single Black life is valuable."

But the prime-time convention proceedings, which featured a blend of taped and live speeches, focused largely on dire talk about Joe Biden, Trump's Democratic challenger in the November election. Speakers ominously warned that electing Biden would lead to violence in American cities spilling into the suburbs, a frequent Trump campaign message with racist undertones. One speaker called Trump the "bodyguard of Western civilization."

Scrambling to find a message that sticks, Trump's team tried out multiple themes and tactics over the course of the night. They featured optimism from those who could represent the GOP's future, attempts to characterize Biden as a vessel for socialists and far-left Democrats despite his moderate record and humanizing stories about the 74-year-old man who sits in the Oval Office.

Trump and a parade of fellow Republicans misrepresented Biden's agenda through the evening, falsely accusing him of proposing to defund police, ban oil fracking, take over health care, open borders and raise taxes on most Americans. They tried to assign positions of the Democratic left to a middle-of-the-road candidate who explicitly rejected many of the party's most liberal positions through the primaries.



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The Hillside Terrace in Coquille is a multifamily housing complex that will see upgrades through investment by Neighborworks Umpqua.

Hillside Terrace will get an upgrade

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ROSEBURG — NeighborWorks Umpqua will be investing \$7.8 million to renovate and modernize the Hillside Terrace Apartments in Coquille, after having secured \$2.5 million in competitive funding from Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Resources were approved by the Housing Stability Council on Friday, Aug. 7. The funds from OHCS will be in the form of low-cost loans and a grant for energy efficiency improvements. These funds, from dedicated non-General Fund sources, will match \$5.2 million in previously secured low-cost loans for the project from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. USDA RD is the primary provider of financing for housing in rural communities.

Hillside Terrace is a 39-unit multifamily property that was originally built in 1980. Hillside is home to lower-income seniors, working families and those who experience a disability. This is the only income-based rental



The Hillside Terrace playground property in Coquille.

The renovations at Hillside Terrace will improve accessibility, energy efficiency, indoor air quality and will reinvest in major building systems like roofs so Hillside Terrace can continue to provide affordable homes for many years to come.

"The funding that OHCS was able to provide for this project is vital," said Brian Shelton-Kelley,

director of acquisitions and development for NWU. "We have been working on the preservation of Hillside Terrace since 2016. With increasing construction costs, the funds from OHCS help cover those costs and permit us to move forward with the project so Hillside Terrace can be a place to call home for Coquille Valley residents for years to come." This project is also a key

part of NWU's commitment to addressing Oregon's South Coast housing needs. NWU is working to develop new housing and preserve existing housing in response to the Coos County Housing Action Plan developed by a community coalition in 2018.

Construction on Hillside Terrace Apartments is anticipated to begin in early 2021.

For more information, visit www.nwumpqua.org or call 541-673-4909.

About NeighborWorks Umpqua

NeighborWorks Umpqua is a rural-focused housing and community development non-profit committed to promoting opportunity for all through quality housing, community development, property management, financial services, education, and advocacy in order to attain economic, social and environmental sustainability and equity. Started in 1991, NeighborWorks Umpqua provides over 600 units of housing, economic development opportunities, home rehabilitation services, and direct services focused on home ownership and personal finances.

Friday Coos Bay fire is under investigation

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

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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 house, 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.

Postal leader defends changes in hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmaster General Louis DeJoy told lawmakers Monday that he has warned allies of President Donald Trump that the president's repeated attacks on the legitimacy of mail-in ballots are "not helpful," but denied that recent changes at the Postal Service are linked to the November elections.

DeJoy, who has come under intense scrutiny over sweeping policy changes at the U.S. Postal Service, faced new questions on mounting problems at the agency as it prepares to deliver record numbers of ballots this fall as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

During an exchange with Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., DeJoy first denied having contacted the president's campaign team, but later backtracked, saying he has "spoken to people that are friends of mine that are associated with the campaign" over Trump's baseless claims that mail voting will lead to fraud.

"I have put word around to different people that this is not helpful," DeJoy said during a six-hour House Oversight Committee hearing.

DeJoy faced tense questions from lawmakers over mail delivery delays seen since he took the helm in mid-June. It was his second appearance before Congress in four days.

"I am not engaged in sabo-

taging the election," DeJoy said, adding that, like Trump, he personally plans to vote by mail.

The hearing quickly became a debate over the delivery disruptions being reported nationwide. Democrats said the changes under DeJoy's watch are causing widespread delays, but Republicans dismissed the worries as unfounded and part of a Democratic "conspiracy" against Trump.

The pandemic has pushed the Postal Service into a central role in the 2020 elections, with tens of millions of people expected to vote by mail rather than in-person. At the same time, Trump has acknowledged he is withholding emergency aid from the service to make it harder to process mail-in ballots, as his election campaign legally challenges mail voting procedures in key states.

Trump again raised the prospect of a "rigged election" Monday as he spoke about mail-in voting at the Republican National Convention. Experts say mail voting has proven remarkably secure.

DeJoy, a former supply-chain CEO and a major donor to Trump and the GOP, set in motion a series of operational changes this summer that delayed mail across the country. DeJoy told the House panel that election mail is his "No. 1 priority," adding that he will authorize

expanded use of overtime, extra truck trips and other measures in the weeks before the election to ensure on-time delivery of ballots.

He disputed reports that he has eliminated overtime for postal workers and said a Postal Service document outlining overtime restrictions was written by a mid-level manager. Last week, DeJoy said he was halting some of his operational changes "to avoid even the appearance of impact on election mail."

Still, DeJoy vehemently refused to restore decommissioned mail-sorting machines and blue collection boxes, saying they are not needed. He also said he would continue policies limiting when mail can go out as well as a halting of late delivery trips, which postal workers have said contributes to delays.

"What the heck are you doing?" Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Mass. asked DeJoy.

"Either through gross incompetence, you have ended the 240-year history of delivering the mail reliably on time. Or ... you're doing this on purpose and deliberately dismantling this once proud tradition," Lynch said.

DeJoy has downplayed delivery delays and said the agency is fully capable of processing this year's mail-in ballots. He urged voters to request mail-in ballots at least 15 days before the Nov.

3 election and mail them back at least seven days prior to Election Day.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chair of the Oversight committee, accused DeJoy of withholding information from Congress and threatened to subpoena the postmaster general for additional records. On Saturday, Maloney's committee released internal Postal Service documents detailing delays in a range of mail services, including first-class and Priority Mail.

The oversight hearing came two days after the House approved legislation to reverse changes at the Postal Service and send \$25 billion to shore up the agency ahead of the November election. Twenty-six House Republicans broke with Trump to back the House bill, which passed 257-150, but there was little sign of bipartisanship at Monday's hearing.

At one point, Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., questioned DeJoy's role as a fundraiser for Trump's 2016 election, leading to a heated exchange. Cooper pointedly reminded DeJoy that it's a felony to delay delivery of the mail. DeJoy said he's in "full compliance" with ethics rules and said he resented the line of questions.

Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., told DeJoy flatly that he does not trust him.

Republicans took the opposite

approach, repeatedly apologizing to DeJoy for the harsh questions and dismissing the Democrats' inquiries about mail delivery delays as a conspiracy theory.

"You're getting a berating up here," Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., told DeJoy.

At one point Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., fired off a round of quick, seemingly basic questions — How much does it cost to mail a postcard? How many people voted by mail in the last election? — only to find DeJoy did not know the answers.

"I'm concerned about your understanding of this agency," she said.

DeJoy said many of the operational changes, such as removal of sorting machines, were underway before he arrived. When Porter and other Democrats pressed him on who ordered the changes, DeJoy did not provide an answer.

Rep. Mike Quigley, D-Ill., compared the hearing to "punching Jell-O" and said DeJoy's goal was to "avoid at all cost answering a question directly."

It's unclear where lawmakers go from here. The House's postal bill is certain to stall in the GOP-held Senate and faces a veto threat from the White House. Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said Trump would consider additional money only as part of a broader coronavirus relief package.

Convention

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The opening night of the four-day convention reflected the rising urgency fueling Trump's push to reshape a presidential contest that he's losing, at least for now, with Election Day just 10 weeks away. It will continue Tuesday, when first lady Melania Trump will deliver remarks from the White House.

Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, are keeping a relatively low profile this week. In a tweet Monday night, Biden told supporters to "stay focused."

The emphasis on diversity at Trump's convention was an acknowledgment he must expand his coalition beyond his largely white base. Polling shows that Black Americans continue to be overwhelmingly negative in their assessments of the president's performance, with his approval hovering around 1 in 10 over the course of his presidency, according to Gallup polling.

One of several African Americans on Monday night's schedule, former football star Herschel Walker, defended the president against those who call

him a racist.

"It hurts my soul to hear the terrible names that people call Donald," Walker said. "The worst one is 'racist.' I take it as a personal insult that people would think I would have a 37-year friendship with a racist."

But that emphasis clashed with Trump's instinct to energize his die-hard loyalists.

He featured, for example, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the St. Louis couple charged with felonies for pointing guns at what prosecutors deemed non-violent Black Lives Matter protesters marching past their home.

"What you saw happen to us could just as easily happen to any of you who are watching from quiet neighborhoods around our country," Patricia McCloskey said, sitting on a couch in a wood-paneled room.

"They've actually charged us with felonies for daring to defend our home," her husband said.

And Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida said Democrats will "disarm you, empty the prisons, lock you in your home and invite MS-13 to live next door."

Trump's political future may depend on his ability to convince voters that

America is on the right track, even as the coronavirus death toll exceeds 177,000 and pandemic-related job losses also reach into the millions.

A deep sense of pessimism has settled over the electorate. Just 23% of Americans think the country is heading in the right direction, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Trump and his supporters touted his response to the pandemic while standing alongside front-line workers in the White House, although he glossed over the mounting death toll, the most in the world, and his administration's struggle to control the disease.

Organizers also repeatedly sought to cast Trump as an empathetic figure, borrowing a page from the Democrats' convention playbook a week ago that effectively highlighted Biden's personal connection to voters.

Those cheering Trump's leadership on the pandemic included a coronavirus patient, a small business owner from Montana and a nurse practitioner from Virginia.

"As a healthcare pro-

fessional, I can tell you without hesitation, Donald Trump's quick action and leadership saved thousands of lives during COVID-19," said Amy Ford, a registered nurse who was deployed to New York and Texas to fight the coronavirus.

The first day of the 2020 Republican convention began early in the day as Trump and Vice President Mike Pence were renominated by delegates who gathered in Charlotte, the city originally selected to host the convention before the pandemic struck.

Trump paid a surprise visit to the city, where he warned delegates that "the only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election," raising anew his unsupported concerns about Americans' expected reliance on mail voting during the pandemic. Experts say mail voting has proven remarkably secure.

The fact the Republicans gathered at all stood in contrast to the Democrats, who held an all-virtual convention last week. The Democratic programming included a well-received roll call video montage featuring diverse officials from across the nation.

Evacuations ordered in advance of Hurricane Laura

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Thousands of people were ordered to evacuate the Texas and Louisiana coasts Tuesday as Hurricane Laura strengthened into a hurricane that forecasters said could slam into land as a major storm with ferocious winds and deadly flooding.

More than 385,000 residents were told to flee the Texas cities of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur, and still more were ordered to evacuate low-lying southwestern Louisiana, where forecasters said more than 11 feet (3.35 meters) of storm surge topped by waves could submerge entire towns.

Forecasters said ocean water could push onto land along a more than 450-mile-long stretch of coast from Texas to Mississippi, and hurricane warnings will be issued later as the storm nears.

The National Hurricane Center projected that Laura will become a Category 3 hurricane before landfall, with winds of around 115 mph (185 kph), capable of devastating damage.

"The main point is that we're going to have a signif-

icant hurricane make landfall late Wednesday or early Thursday," National Hurricane Center Deputy Director Ed Rappaport said Tuesday.

While cross winds ripped apart Marco, which still doused the region with heavy rain, there was little to keep Laura from turbocharging. Nearly all the computer simulations that forecasters rely on show rapid strengthening at some point in the next couple of days.

"The waters are warm enough everywhere there to support a major hurricane, Category 3 or even higher. The waters are very warm where the storm is now and will be for the entire path up until the Gulf Coast," Rappaport said.

Laura passed Cuba after killing nearly two dozen people on the island of Hispaniola, including 20 in Haiti and 3 in the Dominican Republic, where it knocked out power and caused intense flooding. The deaths reportedly included a 10-year-old girl whose home was hit by a tree and a mother and young son crushed by a collapsing wall.

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More fires, more tear gas, more arrests in Portland protests

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

The protesters in a group of about 300 people hurled rocks and bottles at officers and set three fires to the sides of the building and one to an awning, police said in a statement. All 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/Ore-

gonLive reported.

Portland has been gripped by nightly protests for months since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Demonstrations, often violent, have targeted police buildings and federal buildings.

Before dawn Monday, police used tear gas to scatter demonstrators who hurled rocks, bottles and commercial-grade fireworks at officers and set fires in the streets as they marched on a precinct station in another night of violence. Twenty-three people were arrested.

During that demonstration, a group of about 200 lit a dumpster

on fire and used it as a shield as they approached the precinct station, police said. They threw objects at officers, hitting some positioned on the station's roof, and lit an awning on fire. One officer was left with a wrist injury after he was hit with a piece of ceramic.

The FBI said Monday that a threat last week that prompted the closure of a federal courthouse and other federal buildings did not appear to be credible.

Among the buildings closed was the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse that was a target of protesters who repeatedly clashed in July with federal agents.

Redwoods survive raging wildfire in California's oldest state park

BOULDER CREEK, Calif. (AP) — When a massive wildfire swept through California's oldest state park last week it was feared many trees in a grove of old-growth redwoods, some of them 2,000 years old and among the tallest living things on Earth, may finally have succumbed.

But an Associated Press reporter and photographer hiked the renowned Redwood Trail at Big Basin Redwoods State Park on Monday and confirmed most of the ancient redwoods had withstood the blaze. Among the survivors is one dubbed Mother of the Forest.

"That is such good news, I can't tell you how much that gives me peace of mind," said Laura McLendon, conservation director for the Semper-virens Fund, an environmental group dedicated to the protection of redwoods and their habitats.

Redwood forests are meant to burn, she said, so reports earlier this week that the state park was "gone" were misleading.

The historic park headquarters is gone, as are many small buildings and

campground infrastructure that went up in flames as fire swept through the park about 45 miles (72 kilometers) south of San Francisco.

"But the forest is not gone," McLendon said. "It will regrow. Every old growth redwood I've ever seen, in Big Basin and other parks, has fire scars on them. They've been through multiple fires, possibly worse than this."

When forest fires, windstorms and lightning hit redwood trees, those that don't topple can resprout. Mother of the Forest, for example, used to be 329 feet tall (100 meters), the tallest tree in the park. After the top broke off in a storm, a new trunk sprouted where the old growth had been.

Trees that fall feed the forest floor, and become nurse trees from which new redwoods grow. Forest critters, from banana slugs to insects, thrive under logs.

On Monday, Steller's jays searched for insects around the park's partially burned outdoor amphitheater and woodpeckers could be heard hammering

on trees. Occasionally a thundering crash echoed through the valley as large branches or burning trees fell.

When Big Basin opened in 1902 it marked the genesis of redwood conservation. The park now receives about 250,000 visitors a year from around the world, and millions have walked the Redwood Trail.

The park only recently reopened after COVID-19 related closures and now is closed because of the fire. The road in is blocked by several large trees that fell across it, some waist-high, some still on fire.

While there is a great deal of work to be done rebuilding campgrounds, clearing trails and managing damaged madrones, oaks and firs, Big Basin will recover, McLendon said.

"The forest, in some ways, is resetting," she said.

State Parks District Superintendent Chris Spohrer said he was pleased to know the redwoods had survived. He said an assessment team had only been able to check buildings so far, and that he

hopes they can inspect the trees in the coming days.

"The reason those trees are so old is because they are really resilient," he said.

Fire Update

California fire officials are cautiously optimistic after dodging a major lightning storm, but they are pleading with residents to stay out of evacuation zones and prepare for days away from home as three massive San Francisco Bay Area wildfires rage on, suffocating the region with smoky air.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said this week will be critical as more than 14,000 firefighters battle 17 major fire complexes, largely in Northern California where wildfires have surrounded the city of San Francisco on three sides, singeing coastal redwoods that have never been burned. The wildfires, all caused by lightning, have been burning for a week.

"We are dealing with different climate conditions that are precipitating in fires the likes we haven't seen in modern recorded history," he said Monday.

Oregon will apply for federal lost wages assistance

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Employment Department announced Monday that it is applying for the federal government's new assistance for unemployed workers.

Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency lost wages supplemental payment program, people would receive \$300 per week, along with their unemployment benefit, for an estimated three to five weeks. More than half of the states have already applied and been approved to receive the grant, which was authorized by President Donald Trump earlier this month.

Officials from the employment department said Oregon is waiting for approval and are "working hard to make sure those payments go out as soon as possible." Most payments will be automatic and retroactive to the week ending August 1.

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in Oregon, more than 500,000 people have filed for unemployment, causing major delays in people receiving funds.

Last week, Oregon launched a \$35 million relief check program that was created to issue a one-time payment of \$500 to 70,000 Oregonians still waiting for unemployment benefits.

Just three days later, the program ended after all the checks had been distributed.

11 rescued after two boats collide near Astoria

ASTORIA, Wash. (AP) — Boaters rescued 11 people from the Columbia River after two boats crashed near Astoria, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The collision was reported at about 9 a.m. Monday near the mouth of the Columbia on the Washington State side of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, KATU-TV reported.

Initial reports said a 20-foot boat collided with a 6-passenger boat, and both sank. Eleven people ended up in the water and other boaters in the area rushed to help, officials said.

While officials didn't know the current conditions of the boaters, they said everyone was rescued.

Helicopter pilot dies battling fire

THE DALLES (AP) — Authorities say a firefighting pilot has died in a helicopter crash at the Mt. Hood National Forest while battling a blaze.

The Wasco County Sheriff's Office says the Type 1 Kmax helicopter was conducting bucket drops. KOIN reports there will be an accident investigation and the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration have been alerted. The identity of the firefighter killed Monday has not been released.

"The firefighting community is heartbroken to learn of this tragic loss and our condolences go out to the pilot's family, friends, and co-workers," the sheriff's department said.

The White River Fire is currently 5% contained and is a little more than 1,100 acres in size. Officials say it's been fueled by gusty winds, and is one of several wildfires burning in Oregon.

Officials try to track COVID cases spurred by Sturgis Rally

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The hundreds of thousands of bikers who attended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally may have departed western South Dakota, but public health departments in multiple states are trying to measure how much and how quickly the coronavirus spread in bars, tattoo shops and gatherings before people traveled home to nearly every state in the country.

From the city of Sturgis, which is conducting mass testing for its roughly 7,000 residents, to health departments in at least six states, health officials are trying to track outbreaks from the 10-day rally which ended on Aug. 16. They face the task of tracking an invisible virus that spread among bar-hoppers and rallygoers, who then traveled to over half of the counties in the United States.

An analysis of anonymous cell phone data from Camber Systems, a firm that aggregates cell phone activity for health researchers, found that 61% of all the counties in the U.S. have been visited by someone who attended Sturgis, creating a travel hub that was comparable to a major U.S. city.

"Imagine trying to do contact tracing for the entire city of (Washington), D.C., but you also know that you don't have any distancing, or the distancing is very, very limited, the masking is limited," said Navin Vembar, who co-founded Camber

Systems. "It all adds up to a very dangerous situation for people all over the place. Contact tracing becomes dramatically difficult."

Health departments in four states, including South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wyoming, have reported a total of 81 cases among people who attended the rally. South Dakota health officials said Monday they had received reports of infections from residents of two other states — North Dakota and Washington. The Department of Health also issued public warnings of possible COVID-19 exposure at five businesses popular with bikers, saying it didn't know how many people could have been exposed.

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, a Republican, has defied calls to cancel large gatherings and opposes requirements to wear masks. She welcomed the event, which in previous years brought in about \$800 million in tourist spending, according to the state's Department of Tourism.

"I sat at a bar elbow-to-elbow with guys. No one was wearing masks," said Stephen Sample, a rallygoer who rode back to Arizona last week.

He had visited a bar where health authorities later issued warnings — One-Eyed Jack's Saloon — but said he had not had any COVID-19 symptoms. He discussed quarantining with his wife after he returned, but decided against it.

In a country where each state has been tasked with doing the heavy-lifting of responding to the pandemic, tracing every infection from the rally is virtually impossible. But the city of Sturgis is doing what it can to head off a local outbreak by holding mass testing for asymptomatic people.

The city, which is a sleepy tourist destination for most of the 355 days of the year outside of the rally dates, was a reluctant host this year. After many residents objected to the massive influx of people during a pandemic, city leaders decided to pay for mass testing from money they had received as part of federal coronavirus relief funding.

On Monday morning, Linda Chaplin drove with her husband to line up at the mass testing event in the parking lot of the Sturgis Community Center. They had left town during the rally, but the crowds that came before and after the event concerned them so they decided to get tested.

While the results from the test will take a couple days to process, the region is already seeing an increase in coronavirus cases.

"For a long time, people would say, 'Well, do you know anybody that has COVID?' and I would say, 'No, I don't, but I'm watching the news,'" Chaplin said. "Now, I do know some people that we've heard have COVID."

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Family wishes to acknowledge friend's support and devotion

DEAR ABBY: My family has suffered a great loss. My older sister died by suicide. My younger sister's best friend "Carrie" drove four hours from Michigan to be with our family. From the day after we found out and for almost a week, Carrie was by our side, comforting us, helping with arrangements and anything else that needed to be done. She even worked all night with our old family videos to digitize, edit and set them to music so it would be done in time for the wake.

Now, as we are beginning to write thank-you notes to all of those who were there for us, my family is wondering how we can express our gratitude to her for her support during this awful time. We would like to do or give her something special because we truly consider her to be a part of our family, but we don't know what. -- APPRECIATIVE IN THE EAST

DEAR APPRECIATIVE: The head of the family or your younger sister should write Carrie a letter telling her how much her kindness is appreciated and telling her she is now truly a member of the family. I'm sure it would mean the world to her. In addition, consider giving her something that belonged to your older sister, such as a piece of jewelry. Your younger sister should be the person to select it. A keepsake would, I am sure, be deeply appreciated and treasured.

DEAR ABBY: At age 17, my pregnant and unwed mother married a schoolmate of my biological father. I was given the schoolmate's last name. Several years later, my mother divorced her first husband and married my biological father. They discussed changing my last name to that of my bio father, but never did. I recently had DNA testing that proved this information to be accurate.

My last name is still not the name of my biological father, and I recently learned that the man named on my birth

certificate was a rapist, an alcoholic and a bully. This is very upsetting, and I would like to legally change my name to match my actual father's. The problem is I'm now 70, married with wonderful kids and grandkids who are proud of our name. I don't want the fake daddy's name on my tombstone. Any advice for this distressed guy? -- DISTRESSED SENIOR MAN

DEAR DISTRESSED: Talk to your family about why you want the name change. Perhaps when they hear that the person whose name was thrust upon you was a rapist and substance abusing bully who mistreated your mother, they will be more understanding and less willing to cling to the name they are so "proud" of. If not, then suit yourself. I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been living together for 10 years, although he is still legally married. When we met, he and his wife had been separated for five years. Neither one had the money to get divorced. My question is, if anything should happen to my boyfriend, would she have claim to any of his assets? (He doesn't have much beyond his vehicle.) -- JUST WONDERING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR JUST WONDERING: Yes, as his surviving spouse, she will be entitled to whatever assets he leaves behind, which includes the vehicle.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breezy early; mainly clear	Mostly sunny; becoming windier	Sunshine and windy	Mostly sunny and windy	Mostly sunny; becoming windier
LOW: 53°	68° 53°	68° 52°	69° 52°	68° 53°

LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Sunday

TEMPERATURE

High/low 67°/52°
Normal high/low 66°/53°
Record high 75° in 2011
Record low 45° in 1951

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday 0.00"
Year to date 28.02"
Normal year to date 41.90"
Last year to date 37.28"

SUN AND MOON

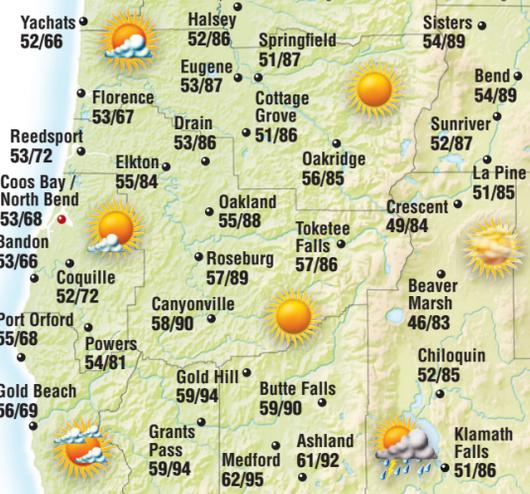
Sunset tonight 8:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:34 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 2:30 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow none

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Aug 25 Sep 1 Sep 10 Sep 17

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Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.



TIDES

Location	Tuesday				Wednesday			
	High	Low	ft.	ft.	High	Low	ft.	ft.
Bandon	5:58 a.m.	5.2	11:30 a.m.	2.0	7:22 a.m.	4.8	12:57 a.m.	0.2
Charleston	6:03 a.m.	5.6	11:28 a.m.	2.1	7:27 a.m.	5.3	12:55 a.m.	0.2
Coos Bay	7:29 a.m.	5.4	1:13 a.m.	0.2	8:53 a.m.	5.1	2:23 a.m.	0.2
Florence	6:47 a.m.	4.8	12:43 a.m.	0.2	8:11 a.m.	4.5	1:53 a.m.	2.5
Port Orford	5:48 a.m.	5.2	11:07 a.m.	2.3	7:19 a.m.	4.9	12:45 a.m.	0.3
Reedsport	7:04 a.m.	5.6	12:59 a.m.	0.5	8:19 a.m.	5.2	2:05 a.m.	0.7
Half Moon Bay	6:14 a.m.	5.1	11:39 a.m.	2.1	7:40 a.m.	4.8	1:09 a.m.	0.1

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.
53°	70°	56°	69°	62°	95°	53°	87°	56°	84°	52°	69°	52°	91°

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

National high: 121° at Death Valley, CA National low: 32° at Yellowstone N.P., WY

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue.		Wed.		City	Tue.		Wed.	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W		Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Albuquerque	92/67	pc	91/69	s	Fargo	84/68	pc	84/60	pc
Anchorage	61/53	sh	62/50	sh	Flagstaff	83/55	t	84/55	pc
Atlanta	84/73	t	90/74	t	Fresno	100/71	pc	99/72	pc
Atlantic City	88/72	t	81/71	pc	Green Bay	83/63	pc	89/69	c
Austin	98/74	pc	95/75	t	Hartford, CT	89/58	t	79/52	s
Baltimore	93/71	t	89/72	pc	Helena	86/55	pc	87/57	pc
Billings	89/61	pc	90/63	pc	Honolulu	89/77	s	90/76	s
Birmingham	85/74	t	92/75	t	Houston	90/74	t	92/77	t
Boise	93/64	pc	90/63	s	Indianapolis	91/70	s	91/72	s
Boston	89/65	t	76/60	s	Kansas City	92/69	s	92/71	c
Buffalo	81/59	t	77/64	pc	Key West	90/82	c	90/83	t
Burlington, VT	80/52	t	69/50	pc	Las Vegas	109/86	s	109/86	s
Caribou, ME	75/47	t	62/46	pc	Lexington	89/69	s	91/71	s
Casper	96/58	c	93/56	pc	Little Rock	92/73	c	91/75	t
Charleston, SC	88/76	c	92/76	t	Los Angeles	90/68	s	92/67	s
Charleston, WV	90/69	s	91/70	pc	Louisville	92/73	s	93/76	s
Charlotte, NC	86/69	t	93/73	pc	Madison	87/67	pc	92/71	s
Cheyenne	91/63	c	89/59	pc	Memphis	92/75	c	91/77	t
Chicago	94/72	pc	96/75	s	Miami	92/81	t	92/80	t
Cincinnati	90/71	s	91/72	s	Milwaukee	83/70	t	91/74	s
Cleveland	83/64	t	83/70	t	Minneapolis	88/72	s	91/71	s
Colorado Spgs	92/61	s	90/62	pc	Missoula	87/54	t	89/51	s
Columbus, OH	91/71	s	91/73	s	Nashville	92/72	c	91/75	pc
Concord, NH	87/50	t	74/47	s	New Orleans	89/79	t	87/80	t
Dallas	95/77	pc	93/76	t	New York City	91/68	t	81/65	s
Dayton	92/71	s	91/72	s	Norfolk, VA	93/77	pc	89/77	s
Daytona Beach	91/77	t	90/77	t	Oklahoma City	93/67	s	91/70	pc
Denver	98/65	pc	95/63	pc	Olympia, WA	81/50	s	79/48	pc
Des Moines	96/71	s	94/71	s	Omaha	97/72	s	97/72	s
Detroit	87/67	t	86/72	t	Orlando	93/77	t	92/77	t
El Paso	96/71	s	96/71	s	Philadelphia	92/72	c	84/68	pc
Fairbanks	61/47	c	64/48	sh	Phoenix	112/89	c	109/89	pc
Pittsburgh	86/63	t	85/67	pc	Pocatello	91/58	pc	91/56	pc
Pocatello	91/58	pc	91/56	pc	Portland, ME	87/55	t	75/53	s
Portland, ME	87/55	t	75/53	s	Providence	91/64	t	79/58	s
Providence	91/64	t	79/58	s	Raleigh	89/71	pc	94/73	pc
Rapid City	99/67	pc	91/61	t	Rapid City	99/67	pc	91/61	t
Redding	100/67	t	99/67	pc	Reno	92/61	t	92/59	pc
Richmond, VA	93/73	pc	90/72	s	Richmond, VA	93/73	pc	90/72	s
Reno	92/61	t	92/59	pc	Sacramento	95/63	pc	93/61	pc
Richmond, VA	93/73	pc	90/72	s	St. Louis	95/74	pc	94/76	pc
Sacramento	95/63	pc	93/61	pc	Salt Lake City	98/72	pc	99/72	s
St. Louis	95/74	pc	94/76	pc	San Angelo	97/67	s	96/71	s
Salt Lake City	98/72	pc	99/72	s	San Diego	83/73	pc	82/71	s
San Angelo	97/67	s	96/71	s	San Francisco	76/55	pc	72/57	pc
San Diego	83/73	pc	82/71	s	San Jose	85/61	s	84/60	s
San Francisco	76/55	pc	72/57	pc	Santa Fe	89/58	c	89/57	pc
San Jose	85/61	s	84/60	s	Seattle	78/54	s	77/55	pc
Santa Fe	89/58	c	89/57	pc	Sioux Falls	100/73	s	97/68	s
Seattle	78/54	s	77/55	pc	Spokane	86/57	s	86/55	s
Sioux Falls	100/73	s	97/68	s	Springfield, IL	94/69	s	93/72	s
Spokane	86/57	s	86/55	s	Springfield, MA	88/56	t	76/50	s
Springfield, IL	94/69	s	93/72	s	Syracuse	81/56	t	71/55	pc
Springfield, MA	88/56	t	76/50	s	Tampa	93/79	t	93/78	t
Syracuse	81/56	t	71/55	pc	Toledo	91/68	t	92/74	pc
Tampa	93/79	t	93/78	t	Trenton	90/66	t	82/62	pc
Toledo	91/68	t	92/74	pc	Tucson	105/78	t	105/80	c
Trenton	90/66	t	82/62	pc	Tulsa	94/70	pc	92/74	pc
Tucson	105/78	t	105/80	c	Washington, DC	92/74	s	88/73	pc
Tulsa	94/70	pc	92/74	pc	W. Palm Beach	91/82	t	90/80	t
Washington, DC	92/74	s	88/73	pc	Wichita	94/67	s	93/72	pc
W. Palm Beach	91/82	t	90/80	t	Wilmington, DE	91/68	t	84/67	pc

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

Wisconsin shooting victim paralyzed from waist down

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — The father of Jacob Blake, a Black man who was shot by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, says his son was left paralyzed from the waist down. Blake's father told the Chicago Sun-Times that he was told his son was shot eight times during the Sunday evening confrontation with police, which was captured on cellphone video and led to two nights of unrest in the city between Milwaukee and Chicago. The father, who is also named Jacob Blake and who was driving from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Kenosha to be with his son, told the newspaper that he learned Sunday night that officers had shot his son eight times and that he saw the now-viral video of it online a few minutes later that appears to show police shoot his son in the back. He said his son now has "eight holes" in his body and is paralyzed from the waist down, though doctors don't know if the paralysis will be permanent. Anger over the shooting

spilled into the streets of Kenosha for a second night Monday, with police again firing tear gas at hundreds of protesters who defied a curfew, threw bottles and shot fireworks at law enforcement guarding the courthouse. The southeastern Wisconsin city became the nation's latest flashpoint in a summer of racial unrest after cellphone footage of police shooting Blake as he leaned into his SUV — apparently while three of his children were sitting in the vehicle — circulated widely on social media. The 29-year-old was hospitalized in serious condition. The shooting drew condemnation from Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, who also called out 125 members of the National Guard on Monday after protesters set cars on fire, smashed windows and clashed with officers in riot gear the previous night. Police first fired tear gas Monday about 30 minutes after the 8 p.m. curfew took effect to disperse protesters who chanted,

"No justice, no peace" as they confronted a line of officers who wore protective gear and stood shoulder-to-shoulder in front of the courthouse entrance. But hundreds of people stuck around, screaming at police and lighting fires, including to a garbage truck near the courthouse. Tensions had flared anew earlier Monday after a news conference with Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian, originally to be held in a park, was moved inside the city's public safety building. Hundreds of protesters rushed to the building and a door was snapped off its hinges before police in riot gear pepper-sprayed the crowd, which included a photographer from The Associated Press. Police in the former auto manufacturing center of 100,000 people midway between Milwaukee and Chicago said they were responding to a call about a domestic dispute when they encountered Blake on Sunday. They did not say whether Blake was armed or why police opened

fire, they released no details on the dispute, and they did not immediately disclose the race of the three officers at the scene. The man who said he made the cellphone video, 22-year-old Raysean White, said he saw Blake scuffling with three officers and heard them yell, "Drop the knife! Drop the knife!" before the gunfire erupted. He said he didn't see a knife in Blake's hands. The governor said he had seen no information to suggest Blake had a knife or other weapon, but that the case is still being investigated by the state Justice Department. The officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard practice in a shooting by police. Authorities released no details about the officers and did not immediately respond to requests for their service records. Evers was quick to condemn the bloodshed, saying that while not all details were known, "what we know for certain is that he is not the first Black man or person

to have been shot or injured or mercilessly killed at the hands of individuals in law enforcement in our state or our country." Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden said the officers "must be held accountable." "This morning, the nation wakes up yet again with grief and outrage that yet another Black American is a victim of excessive force," he said, just over two months before Election Day in a country already roiled by the recent deaths of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky. "Those shots pierce the soul of our nation." Republicans and the police union accused the politicians of rushing to judgment, reflecting the deep partisan divide in Wisconsin, a key presidential battleground state. Wisconsin GOP members also decried the violent protests, echoing the law-and-order theme that President Donald Trump has been using in his reelection campaign.

Kenosha delayed buying body cameras for police for years

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — City and law enforcement leaders in Kenosha, Wisconsin, unanimously endorsed the use of body cameras in 2017 as a way to increase police accountability and collect evidence at scenes of domestic violence, among other benefits. But since then, they have balked at the price tag, raised policy concerns and put off implementation. The delays meant that officers who were on the scene of Sunday's shooting of Jacob Blake while responding to a domestic call were not equipped with technology that could give their perspective on an incident that has roiled the nation. Instead, the public has only seen video captured by a neighbor that shows one or more officers shooting Blake, 29, in the back several times as the Black man walked away from them, opened his SUV's driver-side door and leaned

into the vehicle. It doesn't show what happened before or after the shooting like body camera footage would. The shooting left Blake paralyzed from the waist down, his father told the Chicago Sun-Times, and it sparked civil unrest in Kenosha, a city of 100,000 people between Milwaukee and Chicago. But it also shined a light on Kenosha's delays in equipping its roughly 200 police officers with body-worn cameras, which has made the city fall behind many of its neighbors and similar-sized peers. "This is a tragedy. But at least some good could come from this if this is finally the incident where Kenosha says, 'we've got to get body cameras on these cops right away,'" said Kevin Mathewson, a former member of the common council. Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian confirmed Monday that current plans

call for the city to buy them in 2022 — more than five years after he endorsed their adoption. Kenosha officers do have cameras in their squad cars, but it's unclear whether any captured the shooting. Mathewson pushed the city to buy cameras during his tenure on the council from 2012 to 2017, saying he saw them as a tool to remove bad police officers from the department after a series of troubling use-of-force and misconduct incidents. Body cameras became particularly popular nationwide as a way to improve policing after the 2014 fatal shooting of Michael Brown, a Black 18-year-old, by a white officer in Ferguson, Missouri. Mathewson recalled proposing a budget amendment to buy the equipment in early 2017 and hitting resistance from the mayor, police chief and other council members, who argued that would be unwise without clear state regula-

tions governing their use. By then, Kenosha had already fallen behind most other midsized police departments nationwide that were moving forward with body camera programs. By 2016, 56% of departments with between 100 and 250 officers had acquired them, and most had some officers wearing them, according to a 2018 U.S. Department of Justice study. Their use is believed to have increased substantially since then, although funding challenges remain. Instead of providing the money immediately, Kenosha's council passed a unanimous resolution in March 2017 recommending their use, listing their numerous benefits and noting that the police chief, the district attorney and the mayor were in favor. But the resolution said that their adoption in Kenosha hinged on the state providing guidance to departments on usage, storage, public records and privacy issues.

Gov. Tony Evers signed a law in February outlining body camera regulations for police departments. The law requires footage to be retained for 120 days at minimum — longer in certain cases — and says recordings are generally subject to Wisconsin's open records law. Kenosha initially planned to buy the cameras this year, but funding shortfalls and technological concerns prompted the city to push that back to 2022, said Rocco LaMacchia, chairman of the council's public safety committee. "We have moved it back so many times," he said. "I got a feeling this is going to move up on the ladder really fast because of what's going on around the United States right now. Body cameras are a necessity. There's no doubt about it." Of the Blake shooting, he said, "The body camera footage on this one would have told right from wrong right away." The city's current plans call for purchasing 175 Axon body cameras from Taser International and a five-year evidence storage and maintenance plan in 2022. After the first year, the city would incur an estimated \$145,000 cost annually for using Evidence.com to store video evidence. Michael Bell Sr. has been advocating for police reforms since officers in Kenosha fatally shot his 21-year-old son, Michael Bell Jr., in 2004. He has had success at the state level, helping in 2014 to push through a law requiring outside investigation when people die in the hands of law enforcement. But the retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel said officials in Kenosha have consistently failed to act on years of calls for police body cameras, which he likened to the "black box" on an airplane.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

Stock	Close	Open
Intel	49.14	49.42
Kroger	36.06	35.81
Microsoft	213.77	215.11
Nike	111.82	112.03

NW Natural	53.04	52.60
Skywest	33.16	32.73
Starbucks	78.69	81.04
Umpqua Hlds	11.58	11.49
Weyerhaeuser	29.20	28.96
Xerox	19.31	18.86

Levi Strauss	12.69	12.79
Dow Jones closed at	28,296.39	
NASDAQ closed at	11,381.19	
S&P 500 closed at	3,430.26	

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Indianapolis 500 stuck with tradition

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — IndyCar is not NASCAR and the Indianapolis 500 is not 500-plus some extra miles. Accepting those truths helps understand the unsatisfying finish to “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

The 104th running of the showcase race was an odd and lonely event even before Takuma Sato took the checkered flag under caution for his second Indy 500 win in four years. The pandemic meant the largest venue in the world sat empty, attendance reduced to a socially distanced group of 2,500 at a place that can welcome more than 300,000.

Who knows how those sun-soaked spectators would have reacted to the late yellow flag that sealed Sato’s win and slammed the brakes on Scott Dixon’s attempt to catch the Japanese star in the closing laps? The caution for a Spencer Pigot crash was

called with four laps remaining, just 10 miles from the scheduled finish — too short a distance to set up a shootout.

But that’s not a problem for NASCAR, as noted by fans angered and confused by the ho-hum ending. The stock car series uses overtime -- multiple attempts, in fact -- in an effort to end races under the green flag. The two lap green-white-checkered rule has evolved since NASCAR began regularly using it in 2004 but it is an accepted norm for that series.

IndyCar, however, has resisted gimmicks and remained true to racing purity. That is particularly important for the Indy 500, an event celebrated for its rich traditions with no real clamoring for artificial enhancements. There were plenty who were content with the anti-climactic finish.

“This isn’t the first 500 that’s been flagged under yellow,”

noted winning car owner Bobby Rahal.

Sato is at least the 11th winner to take the checkered flag under yellow at Indianapolis, but first since Tony Kanaan in 2013. There were some who grumbled after Kanaan’s win at being denied a proper finish and IndyCar changed it up the very next year. The series red-flagged the race with seven laps remaining in 2014 to clean an accident scene in what was thought to be an unprecedented call for the Indy 500.

A red flag brings the race to a complete halt, instead of cars ticking off the remaining laps behind the pace car. By throwing the red in 2014 and taking roughly 10 minutes to clean the debris, Ryan Hunter-Reay beat Helio Castroneves by 0.06 of a second in one of the closest finishes in Indy history.

Hunter-Reay only needed the scheduled 500 miles to collect

the checkered flag. The scenario on Sunday wasn’t even remotely similar.

Pigot’s crash destroyed the attenuator at the front of pit lane, a repair that would take at least an hour to complete. Pigot needed medical attention and was laying prone on the track before he was treated and released from an Indianapolis hospital. IndyCar broadcast partner NBC Sports was scheduled to shift from the race into an NHL playoff game.

Even if IndyCar could have somehow juggled all the factors, there weren’t enough laps remaining for a proper final restart.

“IndyCar makes every effort to end races under green, but in this case following the assessment of the incident, there were too few laps remaining to gather the field behind the pace car, issue a red flag and then restart for a green-flag finish,” the series said in a statement.

There should never have been an expectation for procedures to be changed on this one afternoon, and when IndyCar did it in 2014 it was under a different series director.

Forget about overtime. Just because it works for NASCAR does not mean it would be accepted in this series, and definitely not for the Indy 500. New track owner Roger Penske holds the 500 in the highest regard and is determined to make the speedway as pristine and polished as Augusta National and the event as revered as The Masters.

Using a ruse to guarantee a better show would tarnish the lure of the 500 and Penske’s ultimate vision.

It’s understandable to feel disappointed the race didn’t end with a thrilling finish. It is just as important to understand the Indy 500 will never be a NASCAR event.

Lakers are on verge of eliminating Blazers

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP) — LeBron James took note when the Los Angeles Lakers built an early 24-8 lead over the Trail Blazers on Kobe Bryant Day.

“OK, he’s here in the building,” James said he thought in the moment, when the two numbers that Bryant wore during his career appeared on the scoreboard.

The Los Angeles Lakers dominated Portland the rest of the way Monday night, winning 135-115 to take a 3-1 advantage in their playoff series.

James had 30 points and 10 assists in 28 minutes before heading to the bench late in the third quarter. The Lakers led by as many as 38 points for their third straight win in the opening-round series, the team’s first playoff appearance since 2013.

After the game, James detailed the emotional burden of both honoring Bryant and coping with the shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, by police officers in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

“I can’t even enjoy a playoff win right now, which is the sad part,” he said.

James spoke at length about the shooting, which has sparked violent protests. Blake, who remained hospitalized on Monday, was shot, apparently in the back, as he leaned into his SUV while his three children sat in the vehicle.

“We are scared as Black people in America,” James said. “Black men, Black women, Black kids. We are, we are terrified.”

Bucks take 3-1 lead in series with Orlando

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists, Khris Middleton finally came alive with a huge fourth quarter Milwaukee beat Orlando 121-106 to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round series on Monday night.

Middleton scored 18 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 rebounds after being held to one field goal in the first three quarters on 1-of-9 shooting.

Wesley Matthews added 12 points for the Bucks, who can close out the Magic on Wednesday.

Nikola Vucevic continued his strong play for the Magic, finishing with 31 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Terrence Ross had 19 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Milwaukee has now won three straight after losing the series opener to the eighth-seeded Magic.

The top-seeded Bucks led by three entering the fourth quarter before Middleton came alive.

THUNDER 117, ROCKETS 114: Dennis Schroder scored a career playoff-high 30 points, and Oklahoma City rallied to beat Houston and even the first-round Western Conference playoff series at two wins apiece.

Oklahoma City trailed by 15 points in the

third quarter and was down a point heading into the fourth.

Chris Paul scored 26 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who won despite allowing 23 3-pointers. James Harden had 32 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds for Houston. Eric Gordon scored 23 points and Danuel House Jr. added 21 for the Rockets.

Former Thunder star Russell Westbrook sat out for Houston again with a strained right quad.

HEAT 99, PACERS 87: Goran Dragic scored 23 points and fifth-seeded Miami completed a first-round sweep of Indiana.

Tyler Herro had 16 points and Bam Adebayo added 14 points and 19 rebounds for the Heat, who made it out of the first round for the first time since 2016.

Victor Oladipo had 25 points and Myles Turner added 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Pacers, who have dropped four straight postseason series to the Heat since 2012.

Miami’s bench outscored Indiana’s depleted reserves 38-3.

Heat guard Jimmy Butler left the game in the first quarter with a left shoulder strain. He returned after halftime and finished with six points in 23 minutes.

The Trail Blazers won the opener but have appeared gassed in the past two games. Damian Lillard, the MVP of the seeding games in the NBA bubble, had 11 points before leaving with a right knee injury in the third. Jusuf Nurkic had 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Anthony Davis added 18 points in 18 minutes for the Lakers before leaving the game midway through the third with

back spasms.

The Lakers, the top seed in the Western Conference, can close out the series on Wednesday.

After the game, Blazers coach Terry Stotts was asked to describe his team’s position.

“Not good,” he said.

“You’re down 1-3, it’s a tough position against a good team,” Stotts added. “We’ll regroup, it’s one game at a time. You can break out all the cliches, but we

know what we’re up against when you’re down to a good team 3-1, so we’ve got to battle.”

It was considered “Kobe Day” because Monday was 8/24, the two numbers Bryant wore during his 20-year career.

Los Angeles wore “Black Mamba” jerseys with a heart-shaped No. 2 patch to honor Bryant’s daughter, Gianna.

Bryant, who was killed in a helicopter crash with his

daughter in January, would have celebrated his 42nd birthday on Sunday.

“To be able to continue his legacy is something that hits home for me, and it’s easy for me because I put in the work,” James said. “And if you want to see results you got to work at it. It’s not about the wins and losses.”

Inspired by Bryant, the Lakers’ 24-8 lead seemed fortuitous, and they went on to outscore the Blazers 43-25 in the first quarter.

The Lakers led 80-51 at the half. It was the most points in a half for Los Angeles in a playoff game since 1987.

James nailed 3-pointer from some 36 feet out and then demonstratively nodded as the Lakers took an 80-53 lead.

Lillard dislocated his left index finger in Game 2 and backcourt mate CJ McCollum has been playing with a fractured vertebra in his lower back.

Stotts said following the game that he did not have an update on Lillard’s status. He was undergoing an MRI.

TIP-INS

Lakers: Rajon Rondo did not play, again spoiling his return from a right thumb injury. Rondo was a late scratch from Game 3 because of back spasms.

Trail Blazers: F Zach Collins will need surgery on his left ankle. Collins had just returned from a shoulder injury that kept him out of much of the season.

UP NEXT: Game 5 is Wednesday.

Mickelson shoots 61 in PGA Tour Champions debut

Golfer who turned 50 in June entered event after elimination from PGA Tour playoffs

RIDGEDALE, Mo. (AP) — Just about the only poor shot Phil Mickelson hit in his PGA Tour Champions debut was a wayward iron off the tee.

He still turned it into a birdie.

It was one of five straight on the back nine Monday for the five-time major champion, who decided to make his over-50 debut this week after missing the cut at The Northern Trust and getting eliminated from the PGA Tour’s FedEx Cup playoffs.

Mickelson finished with 11 birdies and shot a 10-under 61 to take a one-shot lead over David McKenzie.

“It’s a lot of fun. It’s a fun environment. And it’s fun to see a lot of the guys I grew up watching, and played with them for a number of years, and played a bunch of Ryder Cups

and Presidents Cups with a lot of guys out here,” Mickelson said. “I was a little nervous, too, because I wanted to come out and play well. I was playing really well.”

K.J. Choi, making his second start on the PGA Tour Champions, was joined in a group at 7 under by Rocco Mediate, Rod Pamplung and Tim Petrovic. Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer and Vijay Singh were among those another shot back.

“We have a lot of golf left,” said Mickelson, who hit all but one green in regulation. “A lot of players went really low. The quality of golf out here is really impressive.”

Mickelson, who turned 50 in June, was optimistic that his game was rounding into shape for the U.S. Open, the only major championship he hasn’t won. But that missed cut on the PGA Tour left him with the possibility of not playing the next two weeks heading into the Safeway Open, which would be his final tune-up for Winged Foot.

So, the Hall of Famer hopped a jet to southwest Missouri and Ozarks National. The course is the new jewel of Big Cedar Lodge, the resort created by Mickelson’s good friend and Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris. With wide fairways and big greens, it hardly presents the challenge of Winged Foot. But it gave Mickelson a chance to fine-tune his game.

Paired with buddies Steve Stricker and Retief Goosen, he was among the last to go off Monday. But he wasted no time in starting to chase down McKenzie, who had posted a career-low round early in the day. Mickelson made birdie at the first, added four more over the next six holes, and had another birdie at the par-4 11th to offset his only bogey.

Then his putter caught fire on the tumbling, pristine greens.

Mickelson rolled in a short birdie putt at No. 13, then another at 14, before his iron off the tee found the fairway bunker at the par-4 15th. With the ball below his feet, Mickelson hit a

solid approach to 40 feet left of the hole, then ran it in for a third straight birdie. He added two more birdies before missing a 15-footer at the last to shoot 29 on the back nine.

The record for birdies in a round on the PGA Tour Champions is 12.

“I was just trying to figure out a way to play this golf course smartly,” said Mickelson, who has only made 11 birdies in a round on the PGA Tour once — at the 2013 Phoenix Open, when he fell a lip-out short of shooting 59. “There’s plenty of room if you find the right club.”

McKenzie found the right club all day, too. The Australian made back-to-back birdies to finish the front nine, then rattled off three in a row on the back to shoot 62.

“I made a lot of putts today, which makes it a lot easier,” he said, “but it has a little bit of a feel like Australia. I think it’s Bill Coore, Ben Crenshaw that designed it, so I just like the way that it sits and feels. It’s a really comfortable golf course.”

Formula One adds four races to schedule

LONDON (AP) — Formula One added four more races to this year’s calendar on Tuesday and said “a limited number of fans” will be able to attend some of the remaining events in the pandemic-disrupted season.

Races in Turkey, Abu Dhabi and two in Bahrain will take place in November and December, completing the heavily reshaped calendar and marking the latest finish to an F1 season since 1963.

It takes the number of races in the 2020 season to 17, which is the fewest staged in a year since 2009.

After a first Turkish Grand Prix at Istanbul Park in nine years on Nov. 15, Bahrain will stage back-to-back races on Nov. 29 and Dec. 6. The season will finish with the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Dec. 13.

The Chinese Grand Prix, which had been postponed, will not take place in 2020.