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Third night of Kenosha protests turn deadly

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KENOSHA, Wis. — Two people were shot to death during another night of Black Lives Matter protests in Kenosha in a possible vigilante attack carried out by a young white man who was caught on cellphone video opening fire in the middle of the street with a semi-automatic rifle.

"I just killed somebody," he could be heard saying at one point Tuesday night.

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

The gunfire erupted just before midnight, during the third straight night of unrest in Kenosha over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake.

One victim was shot in the head and the other in the chest, the sheriff told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. A third person suffered gunshot wounds not believed to be life-threatening.

According to witness accounts and video footage, police apparently let the young man responsible for the shootings walk past them with a rifle over his shoulder as members of the

crowd were yelling for him to be arrested because he had shot people.

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.

The FBI said it is assisting in the case.

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who is Black, said in an interview with the news program "Democracy Now!" that the shootings were not surprising and that white militias have been ignored for too long.

"How many times across this country do you see armed gunmen, protesting, walking into state Capitols, and everybody just thinks it's OK?" Barnes said. "People treat that like it's some kind of normal activity that people are walking around with assault rifles."

In one cellphone video of the night's events, shots can be heard and the young man with a rifle is on the phone and appears to say, "I just killed somebody" before he runs away. People are then shown tending to a white man who appears to have been shot in the head.

In another video posted online, the same young man with a rifle is 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, "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.

In Wisconsin, it is legal for people 18 and over to openly carry a gun, with no license required.

At a news conference earlier Tuesday, Ben Crump, the lawyer for Blake's family, said it would "take a miracle" for the 29-year-old Blake to walk again. He called for the officer who opened fire to be arrested and for the others involved to lose their jobs.

Blake was shot, apparently in the back, on Sunday as he leaned into his SUV, three of his children seated inside.

Kenosha police have said little about what happened other than that they were responding to a domestic dispute.

The shooting was captured on cellphone video and ignited new protests in the U.S. three months after the death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer touched off a nationwide reckoning over racial injustice.

US troops hurt in collision with Russians in Syria

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the most violent skirmish in months between U.S. and Russian forces in Syria, a vehicle collision in the eastern part of the war-torn country left American troops with concussions, two U.S. officials said Wednesday.

One official said Russian vehicles side-swiped a light-armored U.S. military vehicle, injuring four Americans. The official said two Russian helicopters flew above the Americans, and one of the aircraft was within about 70 feet of the vehicle.

While there have been several other recent incidents between the American and Russian troops who all patrol in eastern Syria, officials described this one as the most serious. U.S. troops are usually accompanied by members of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details of the incident that were not yet made public. One official said the incident happened deep inside the eastern Syria deconfliction zone, where Russian troops generally should not be present.

The officials said the incident is being discussed by senior officials from both countries who routinely work to prevent conflicts between troops in that area. U.S. and Russian commanders have frequent conversations to try and avoid contact between their troops there.

About 500 U.S. service members are in northeastern Syria fighting alongside Syrian Democratic Forces against the remnants of Islamic State in the country to prevent the reemergence of the terrorist organization, according to news reports.

Coast Guard cancels Arctic patrols after icebreaker fire

BY CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

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A blaze aboard the Coast Guard cutter Healy, one of only two U.S. icebreakers, has put a temporary end to U.S. patrols in the Arctic Ocean.

An electrical fire broke out in one of the Healy's main propulsion motors while en route to the Arctic on Aug. 18 and left the cutter unable to operate in ice, according to a Coast Guard statement. The blaze was reported at 9:30 p.m. when the icebreaker was 60 nautical miles from Seward, Alaska, the statement said. It was extinguished 26 minutes later when the motor was disconnected by a member of the fire team.

There were no injuries reported, and the fire's cause was unknown Wednesday.

The Healy returned to Seattle, its homeport, for repairs and Coast Guard operations in the Arctic Ocean were canceled, said the statement, which gave no indication when Arctic operations might resume.

"I commend the crew of the Healy for their quick actions to safely combat the fire," said Vice Adm. Linda Fagan, Pacific Area commander, according to the statement. "This casualty, however, means that the United States is limited in icebreaking

capability until the Healy can be repaired, and it highlights the nation's critical need for Polar Security Cutters."

The fire put the Healy's starboard propulsion motor and shaft out of operation, which affects the ship's ability to avoid varying shaft speeds in ice operations.

The Healy took on 11 scientists in Seward on Aug. 15 and departed Aug. 18 for patrol and research in the Arctic, the Coast Guard said. It has 4,200 square feet of scientific laboratory space, numerous electronic sensor systems, oceanographic winches and accommodations for up to 50 scientists. The vessel, built in 1997, is 42 feet long, displaces 16,000 tons and can break 4½ feet of ice continuously at three knots. It can operate in temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees, according to the Coast Guard.

Prior to the fire, the Healy completed a 26-day patrol demonstrating U.S. presence in the Bering Sea along the U.S.-Russia Maritime Boundary Line, according to the statement.

In April 2019, the Navy awarded a \$746 million contract to Mississippi shipbuilder VT Halter Marine for a new heavy polar icebreaker called a Polar Security Cutter.

USAF offers \$100K for best piddle pack for its female pilots

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

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The Air Force is offering at least \$100,000 to whomever comes up with a way for female pilots to answer the call of nature while strapped into the cockpit of a jet.

"Let's develop an improved, reliable and effective system to enable female air crew to relieve themselves while flying sky high," said a document announcing the "Sky High Relief Challenge" earlier this month.

The Air Force "needs an improved bladder relief system that allows female aviators to hydrate adequately and relieve themselves during flight without interfering with operations or compromising flight safety," the document said.

Solving the problem has become urgent, with flight times running up to 16 hours, it said.

Female air crew often deprive themselves of liquid to avoid having to urinate in flight, a practice called tactical dehy-

dration, that can reduce physical and cognitive performance and impair a pilot's ability to withstand G-forces, the document said.

Piddle packs are being replaced by the ominously named Advanced Mission Extender Device, a battery-operated device worn underneath the uniform and designed to collect urine.

For men, the urine is collected in a cup, and for women in a pad, before it's pumped into a collection bag strapped to the leg.

The maker of the device, Vermont-based Omni Medical Systems, reassuringly notes that it's made from fire-retardant materials. The female version "fits like a sanitary pad," Omni said.

The competition to find a solution for female pilots seeking in-flight relief is being run by AFWERX, an Air Force program that promotes and invests in new technology and ideas to solve problems.

USS Carl Vinson leaves Washington state for sea trials

BY CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

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The third oldest carrier in the Navy is out for sea trials after 17 months and \$34.4 million in upgrades and maintenance at Bremerton, Wash.

The USS Carl Vinson, commissioned in 1980 as the third of 10 Nimitz-class nuclear-powered carriers, was updated to accommodate the F-35C Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. It will be the first U.S. carrier to receive the fifth-generation, multirole aircraft.

Once the sea trials are over,

the carrier will shift its homeport from Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton to San Diego, its former home. The Carl Vinson left the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Maintenance Facility on Sunday, according to the Navy.

General Dynamics was contracted to do the upgrades during a docking planned incremental availability, or DPIA. The work was completed despite the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I am proud of all of the hard work and dedication shown by the entire crew throughout

the DPIA," the Navy quoted Capt. Matthew Paradise, Carl Vinson's commanding officer, as saying in a statement Sunday, "and particularly with the added challenges we faced during this pandemic."

During the maintenance period, the Carl Vinson was outfitted with new jet-blast deflectors and classified spaces aboard the carrier to accommodate the F-35C for deployments.

Strike Fighter Squadron 147, training out of Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., is expected to be the first F-35C squadron to deploy aboard the Carl Vinson.

The ship's hull, rudders and shaft were completely restored, including upgrades to the electrical systems, combat systems and crew living spaces.

The carrier is expected to remain in service until the 2030s. Its replacement, designated CVN-81, is being designed.

Once in San Diego, the Carl Vinson will raise to three the number of carriers based there. It will join the USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS Abraham Lincoln, also Nimitz-class vessels.

First lady makes her case for 4 more years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — 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.

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.

"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 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.

Laura could hit shore as Category 4 hurricane

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Hurricane Laura rapidly gained strength Wednesday, raising fears that it could come ashore as a catastrophic Category 4 storm with an "unsurvivable" 20-foot storm surge that could sink entire communities in Texas and Louisiana. Authorities implored coastal residents to flee before it's too late.

Laura grew nearly 70% in power in just 24 hours to reach Category 3 status, and it showed no sign of weakening before making landfall late Wednesday or early Thursday. The system was on track to arrive as the most powerful hurricane to strike the U.S. this year.

"This is shaping up to be just a tremendous storm," Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said on The Weather Channel.

The National Hurricane Center kept raising its estimate of Laura's storm surge, from 10 feet just a couple of days ago to twice that size.

"Some areas, when they wake

up Thursday morning, they're not going to believe what happened," said Stacy Stewart, a senior hurricane specialist. Whatever does not get blown down by the wind could easily be toppled by seawater pushing inland.

On Wednesday morning, Laura had maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. It was about 225 miles out from Lake Charles, La., moving northwest at 16 mph. Those winds are expected to increase to 145 mph 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, La., and reached inland for 200 miles.

Aid, weather give Calif. firefighters some relief

Associated Press

VACAVILLE, Calif. — Firefighters hard-pressed by some of the largest wildfires in California history scrambled Wednesday to take advantage of cooler weather and an influx of aid as they carved and burned containment lines around the flames to prevent more land from burning.

"Every percent of containment is hours and hours of sweat and blood up on those lines," Jonathan Cox, a deputy chief with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Tuesday evening.

Progress was made on three major blazes around the San Francisco Bay Area and authorities were making plans to allow people who evacuated fire-impacted communities to

return to their homes.

The fires, which started as clusters of lightning-sparked blazes last week, slowed down at lower altitudes as a morning marine layer — an air mass drawn from the ocean by intense heat on land — brought cooler temperatures and higher humidity. The cooler air, however, didn't reach the higher forest and rural areas full of heavy timber and brush.

"The return of the marine layer has been a welcomed one," the National Weather Service said early Wednesday.

Amid the good news there were sobering developments.

A fire in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties south of San Francisco was 19% contained but damage assessments raised the number of buildings destroyed to more than 530.

Iowa school district sues state on virus policy

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Des Moines school district sued the state Tuesday, challenging a policy that forces districts to hold at least half of their educational programs in person in classrooms unless their areas meet a high threshold of positive coronavirus cases.

The lawsuit by Iowa's largest school district asks the court to reverse the state's rejection of its plan to begin the school year with students at home and to prevent the state from forcing it to reopen schools "when it is unsafe to do so."

The lawsuit also seeks a court judgment that invalidates Gov. Kim Reynolds' July 17 proclamation requiring districts to return unless they are in counties with especially high levels of coronavirus cases and meet other department of education guidelines.

The lawsuit names the governor, other state officials and the Board of Education, Education Department and Public Health Department.

California

FRESNO — A judge Tuesday refused to immediately order classrooms closed at a private school in California's Central Valley that has defied state and local health orders aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

Immanuel Schools in Reedley reopened its campus Aug. 13. News reports showed students without masks and not practicing social distancing.

County health officials had argued that the school is threatening the health and safety of students, faculty and community.

Superior Court Judge D. Tyler Tharpe denied Fresno County health officials' request for a temporary injunction barring in-class instruction, although another hearing is set for Sept. 15.

Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky will pump \$8 million into a statewide effort to supply inter-

net access to children in low-income homes as schools open with digital learning because of the coronavirus, Gov. Andy Beshear's administration said Tuesday.

The investment — drawn from federal COVID-19 relief aid sent to Kentucky — is meant to close the "digital divide" that leaves some children in rural and urban areas without broadband access at home, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman said. The initiative will help reduce the monthly cost for low-income parents to gain access to the internet for their school-age children, Coleman said.

About 32,000 Kentucky children lack internet access at home, she said.

Under the "last mile" broadband plan, internet service providers will signal whether they can supply internet access to low-income students who currently lack it at home. The program will identify providers that can supply high-speed internet services for all K-12 students in low-income homes at no more than \$10 per month for the next two to three years, Coleman said.

Michigan

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Tuesday urged Michigan residents to get the flu vaccine to ease the load on the health system if there is a surge of coronavirus cases during the fall and winter influenza season, announcing the state wants at least 1 million more people vaccinated.

She received a flu shot during a news conference to "show how easy it is."

More than 3.2 million of Michigan's 10 million residents were vaccinated against the flu last season. The state's goal is to increase that number by a third, to 4.3 million. It announced an advertising campaign that will begin next week, and hospitals and community health centers said they will boost their own efforts to encourage flu vaccinations.

The state health department Tuesday reported 20 additional COVID-19 deaths, including six that occurred days or weeks

earlier, bringing the total number of confirmed or probable deaths to nearly 6,700.

New Mexico

SANTA FE — The state Supreme Court is weighing a challenge to New Mexico's pandemic-related ban on indoor dining, in the latest legal showdown between restive business owners and Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Court arguments were scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. The Supreme Court recently upheld the state's authority to levy hefty, \$5,000 daily fines against businesses that flout health orders linked to the coronavirus.

New Mexico is among a handful of states, including California and New Jersey, that currently prohibit indoor dining as a temporary safeguard against the virus's spread.

Lujan Grisham's administration suspended its reopening of the economy in mid-July — and put a halt to indoor restaurant dining — amid a wave of COVID-19 infections and deaths that has relented in recent weeks.

New York

ALBANY — Unions representing New York transit workers are demanding swift access to protective gear, better enforcement of mask-wearing and increased service as more businesses and schools reopen their doors.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Patrick Foye told lawmakers at a Tuesday legislative hearing that subway ridership remains 75% below pre-pandemic levels.

It's an unprecedented drop for a mass transit system that once served over three-quarters of the nearly four million people who commuted to Manhattan each day, according to Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow Nicole Gelinas.

Foye said subways saw an average 1.3 million customers per weekday as of last week. Bus ridership is around 1.3 million, down nearly 40% from last year.

Texas

AUSTIN — Mass evacuations along the Texas coast as Hurricane Laura approached Tuesday unfolded with the pandemic also a concern of residents and emergency officials, who urged families to hunker down in hotels instead of shelters and loaded disinfectants onto buses that shuttled families inland to safety.

More than 385,000 residents were told to flee the Texas cities of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur. The National Hurricane Center projected that Laura would draw energy from warm Gulf waters and become a "catastrophic" Category 4 hurricane before making landfall in Texas or Louisiana late Wednesday or early Thursday.

State officials said buses deployed to the coast were stocked with personal protective equipment and disinfectants, and that buses would make more trips and carry fewer passengers to keep people farther apart.

Virus testing teams will also be deployed to shelters "as soon as practical," said Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Officials recommended that families ride out the storm socially distanced in hotels if possible, rather than bunking up in shelters with others.

Virginia

ALEXANDRIA — A northern Virginia man pleaded guilty to a \$1.4 million fraud scheme to obtain federal funds meant for businesses struggling under the coronavirus pandemic.

Tarik Jaafar, 42, of Woodbridge, admitted in U.S. District Court in Alexandria on Tuesday that he created four shell companies to fraudulently apply for loans under the Paycheck Protection Program.

Prosecutors say he and his wife filed 18 separate loan applications seeking \$6.6 million. They received \$1.4 million in loans from various banks.

His wife, Monica Magdalena Jaworska, 43, of Ashburn, is also charged in the scheme, and is scheduled to plead guilty next week.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Kayaker reunites author with message in a bottle

DE MILTON — A kayaker who discovered a message in a bottle floating in a Delaware river was able to reunite the letter with the woman who wrote it 35 years ago.

Brad Wachsmuth thought the bottle bobbing in the water about 2 miles offshore of the Broadkill River was a piece of trash when he spotted it Aug. 8, just a few days after Tropical Storm Isaias swept through the area, WBOC-TV reported.

But Wachsmuth's friend noticed there was something inside, and the two fished out the letter written by Cathi Riddle and her cousin, Stacey Wells, dated 35 years ago — Aug. 1, 1985.

Wachsmuth brought the letter to the Milton Historical Society and a curator reached out to the family and put the two in touch, the news outlet said.

Man clocked going 155 mph during chase

NE LINCOLN — A Georgia man was in custody after Nebraska State Patrol troopers said he drove more than 155 mph during a police pursuit near Lincoln.

The chase began when a trooper spotted Jamell Martinez, 33, of Hinesville, Ga., driving 128 mph in a 65 mph zone on Interstate 80 near the downtown Lincoln exit, patrol spokesman Cody Thomas said.

The driver sped up when the trooper tried to stop the car, Thomas said.

Troopers deployed “stop sticks” to slow the car, which stopped near the Millard exit, The Lincoln Journal-Star reported.

Martinez was arrested on suspicion of willful reckless driving, flight to avoid arrest and traffic violations.

TSA rescues wedding dress left at checkpoint

NJ NEWARK — Transportation Security Administration employees saved a bride's big day after her wedding dress was left behind at an airport security checkpoint.

The bride's mother forgot to take the red roller bag holding her daughter's gown and mom's dress after she cleared security at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport and boarded a flight to Columbus, Ohio, earlier this month, the TSA said.

The bride's brother, Christopher Cepeda, filled out a lost and found form online. TSA administrative assistant Loletta Nathan-Gordon saw the email and recovered the bag in six minutes, the TSA said.

Cepeda shipped the bag overnight and it arrived in time for his sister to walk down the aisle.

Man accused of growing poppy plants for heroin

KS TOPEKA — A man was accused of growing thousands of poppies at his north-central Kansas home in order to manufacture heroin, authorities said.

A federal indictment charged Matthew Pfeiffer, 43, of Morganville, with attempting to manufacture opium, manufacturing thebaine (a constituent of opium) and using a telephone in furtherance of drug trafficking, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said in a news release. Law enforcement agents seized more than 4,000 poppy plants during a raid on June 4, 2020, authorities said.

If convicted, Pfeiffer could face up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$1 million on the charges of attempting to manufacture controlled substances, and up to four

years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the telephone count.

State documents large, non-native tegu lizard

SC LEXINGTON — The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has announced the first documented case of the large, non-native black and white tegu lizard in the state.

The department said in a news release that an approximately 2.5-foot long adult female was captured in Lexington County.

Andrew Grosse, a herpetologist with the department, said in a statement that the lizards pose a threat to native wildlife.

“Tegus mature and reproduce quickly, though most concerning may be their preference for eggs and the potential impacts to our native ground-nesting birds like turkey and quail, as well as other species such as the state-endangered gopher tortoise,” Grosse said.

Deputies: Punch thrown over political signs

FL DEBARY — A Florida supporter of President Donald Trump was charged with a misdemeanor after deputies said he punched a Joe Biden supporter in a dispute between the neighbors over their yard signs.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that Anthony “Tony” Vullo, 55, was charged with misdemeanor battery after Volusia County sheriff's deputies said he punched his neighbor, Joseph Lebert, 48, outside their homes in DeBary.

According to court records, Vullo had pulled up Lebert's Biden sign and tossed it into Lebert's yard. Vullo told reporters he did it because Lebert had put up his sign to block his Trump sign.

Lebert confronted Vullo and Vullo punched him in the face, deputies and a neighbor say.

3 locations added to national historic register

AL MONTGOMERY — Three spots in Alabama are being added to the nation's honor roll of historic locations, including a landmark store near the University of Alabama.

The Alabama Book Store in Tuscaloosa is joining the National Register of Historic Places, the Alabama Historical Commission said in a news release. The shop has been located on the Strip near the Alabama campus since 1942.

The two other additions are Bricklayers Hall in Montgomery, which was used for meetings and work space during the civil rights era, and Vanity Fair Park in Monroeville. The park was established in 1948 in a partnership between Vanity Fair Mills and residents of the southwest Alabama town.

The register is the nation's official list of places that are worth historic preservation.

Funeral home fire doesn't delay services

NE OMAHA — Authorities are trying to determine the cause of a fire at a funeral home in southeastern Omaha.

The Omaha Fire Department said crews brought the fire at Good Shepherd Funeral Home under control within an hour.

The funeral home's owner, Michael Hoy, said that the fire primarily affected the office area and didn't disturb two bodies or any cremated remains inside. Three residents of an apartment above the funeral home were displaced.

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White Sox's Giolito throws no-hitter

Associated Press

CHICAGO — 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 hollers 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 the 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 the 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 change-up 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 dugout 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 pitched the 19th no-hitter in White Sox history — second most to the Dodgers' 23.

MLB roundup

Crawford, Mariners end Padres' 7-game win streak

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — J.P. Crawford homered, doubled and drove in three runs for the Seattle Mariners in an 8-3 win over San Diego on Tuesday that snapped the Padres' seven-game winning streak.

Austin Nola also homered for the Mariners, who won their fourth straight and for the fifth time in six games. Nola and Evan White had three hits apiece.

Marco Gonzales (3-2) helped deny San Diego what would have been its longest winning streak since 2012. He allowed three runs — all in the third — on nine hits while striking out five and walking none in five innings.

Padres starter Chris Paddack (2-3) took the loss.

Rockies 5, Diamondbacks 4: Nolan Arenado had two dou-

bles and two RBIs to break out of a slump and help Colorado win at Arizona.

Indians 4, Twins 2: Shane Bieber corrected some unusual early control issues to strike out 10 and Francisco Lindor hit a two-run homer to lead Cleveland past visiting Minnesota.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 7: Rafael Devers hit a three-run triple to highlight Boston's six-run outburst in the sixth inning as the Red Sox rallied to win on the road.

Phillies 8, Nationals 3: J.T. Realmuto hit a three-run homer, Jake Arrieta pitched five strong innings before a rain delay of more than an hour ended his night, and Philadelphia won at Washington.

Tigers 7, Cubs 1: Jonathan Schoop hit a grand slam in a five-run sixth inning as Detroit beat visiting Chicago.

Rays 4, Orioles 2: Tyler

Glasnow struck out a career-high 13 over seven innings and AL East-leading Tampa Bay beat visiting Baltimore.

Marlins 4-3, Mets 0-0: Brian Anderson laced a two-run double in the fourth inning and three pitchers combined on a four-hitter as host Miami completed a doubleheader sweep of New York.

Four Marlins pitchers combined on an eight-hit shutout in the opener.

Astros 6-5, Angels 3-12: Brian Goodwin drove in three runs as Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Houston in the second game of a doubleheader created by the approach of Hurricane Laura.

In the first game, rookie Cristian Javier (3-1) allowed three runs in 5²/₃ innings and the Astros used a five-run first to beat the Angels.

Brewers 3, Reds 2: Brandon Woodruff pitched six strong innings, Orlando Arcia snapped a 2-for-21 stretch with a go-ahead base hit in the fourth inning, and host Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Athletics 10, Rangers 3: Matt Olson and Marcus Semien connected on two-run homers, Stephen Piscotty lined a bases-clearing double and Oakland won easily at Texas.

Royals 5, Cardinals 4: Ryan McBroom had two hits and drove in the winning run with a single in the eighth inning, Ryan O'Hearn added a solo homer, and Kansas City won at St. Louis.

Giants 10, Dodgers 8 (11): Donovan Solano hit a walkoff two-run homer with two outs in the 11th after Evan Longoria's tying single, and San Francisco held off first-place Los Angeles for its seventh straight win.

Clippers rip Mavs, take 3-2 series lead

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — 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 mind-

set 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.

Mavericks guard Luka Dončić, 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.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle was ejected in the third quarter of the testy game, which included six technicals and a flagrant-1 foul.

Dončić 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," Dončić 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."

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

Leonard scored 22 points and George scored 18 to help the Clippers take a 76-52 half-time lead. Los Angeles 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 dis-

position 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 three-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.

Sports briefs

After being swept in first round, Pacers fire McMillan

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nate McMillan won dozens of regular-season games despite the Indiana Pacers' continual injuries.

The playoff losses cost him his job.

On Wednesday, two days after enduring a second straight first-round sweep, president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard fired McMillan.

"This was a very hard decision for us to make; but we feel it's in the best interest of the organization to move in a different direction," Pritchard said, whose relationship with McMillan dates to their earlier days in Portland. "Nate and I have been through the good times and the bad times; and it was an honor to work with him for those 11 years."

While McMillan's 183 victo-

ries with Indiana rank third in franchise history and the Pacers made the playoffs in each of his four seasons as head coach, McMillan's teams went just 3-16 in the postseason and were swept three times — the first three times the Pacers haven't won at least one game in a best-of-seven NBA series.

They haven't reached the second round since appearing in the Eastern Conference finals in 2013 and 2014, and after Monday's loss to Miami, Indiana has lost a franchise-record nine consecutive playoff games.

McMillan finished his career in Indiana with a record of 183-136. Frank Vogel initially brought in McMillan as associate head coach in 2013-14.

McMillan is 661-588 overall in 16 seasons as a head coach in three different stops — Indi-

ana, Portland and Seattle.

Time warning flusters Serena in 3-set loss

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was flustered when she got called for taking too much time between points, flung away her racket after letting a lead slip away and finished surprisingly meekly in a 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-1 loss to Maria Sakkari at the Western & Southern Open on Tuesday night.

This was Williams' fifth match since professional tennis resumed amid the coronavirus pandemic after a hiatus of nearly six months — and all five have gone three sets. She is 3-2 in that stretch.

The result against No. 13 seed Sakkari, and particularly the way the match ended, was hardly promising for Williams

as the U.S. Open's start approaches next week.

The Western & Southern Open is usually held in Ohio but was moved to the U.S. Open's site in Flushing Meadows this year to make for a two-event, no-spectator "bubble" during the pandemic.

Williams was seemingly in control early, serving for the first set at 5-3, 30-0, when things began to unravel. She missed two backhands in a row, then put a forehand into the net to set up a break point, and walked over to the stand holding her towel at the back of the court (the ball people normally handle towels for players, but not during COVID-19).

That's when chair umpire Aurelie Tourte called a time violation. On the following point, Williams sailed a forehand long to get broken.

Palat's OT goal lifts Bolts over Bruins

Associated Press

TORONTO — The pressure of overtime hardly fazes the Tampa Bay Lightning, who have been as resilient as any team in the NHL playoffs.

Ondrej Palat scored less than five minutes into yet another extra period for the second-seeded Lightning, who beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 on Tuesday to even their Eastern Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Tampa Bay improved to 4-0 in overtime games this postseason, including a five-OT win during the team's first-round victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Lightning overcame one-goal deficits twice, had a first-period score reversed and relinquished its first lead of the series with under four minutes left in regulation.

"Any time we hit adversity in this game, I thought we had an answer," said Tampa Bay's Blake Coleman.

Reigning Vezina Trophy winner Andrei Vasilevskiy had 22 saves and became the Lightning's all-time playoff leader with 22 wins.

"He's been our best player all playoffs,

kept us in games and given us a chance to win," defenseman Zach Bogosian said of Vasilevskiy, a finalist for the award as the league's top goaltender again this season.

Now the teams face the challenge of a short turnaround for Game 3 of the best-of-seven matchup, which is Wednesday night in Toronto.

"Sometimes it's good to get right back at it when you lose a hockey game," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "We'll see."

Coleman had two goals and Nikita Kucherov also scored for Tampa Bay. Kucherov tied it 2-2 with 4½ minutes left in the second period, and Coleman's second of the game put the Lightning ahead with 9:20 left in the third.

Brad Marchand's second goal of the night, off a nifty feed from Sean Kuraly, tied it 3-3 with just under 4 minutes to go in regulation.

Tampa Bay outshot the Bruins 40-25, including 9-1 in overtime.

"I think they had the mindset that they were going to pound the puck at us all night and get to the net," Cassidy said.

Nick Ritchie also scored for Boston and Jaroslav Halak finished with 36 saves.

David Pastrnak, the league's leading scorer during the regular season, had the primary assist on Marchand's power-play goal at 14:33 of the second period. He picked up another assist on the goal that tied it in the third.

The Lightning, who trailed 3-0 before scoring in Game 1, had a goal by Barclay Goodrow disallowed in the opening period when the Bruins successfully challenged that Brayden Point was offside seconds before the apparent score that would have have erased Boston's early 1-0 lead.

Instead of dwelling on the reversal, the Lightning kept working until Coleman's diving shot off a feed from Bogosian made it 1-1 at 12:42 of the opening period. It remained tied after Marchand scored for the Bruins and Nikita Kucherov countered for Tampa Bay within a 55-second span of the second period.

"We were playing well enough that it really didn't faze us," Coleman said. "We thought it was just a matter of time before we would score again."

The loss stopped Boston's four-game winning streak since starting goalie Tuukka Rask opted out of the playoffs.

Horvat, Vancouver cruise, even up series with Vegas

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Bo Horvat scored twice, and Tyler Toffoli and Elias Pettersson each had a goal and two assists to lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 5-2 win over the Vegas Golden Knights on Tuesday night, evening their Western Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Tanner Pearson also scored for the Canucks, and Jacob Markstrom stopped 38 shots — including 21 in the second period.

Alex Tuch and Max Pacioretty scored for the Golden Knights. Robin Lehner had 22 saves in just his second loss of the postseason.

Game 3 is Thursday night.

It was the first game back for Toffoli since the first game of the qualifying round against Minnesota on Aug. 2. The NHL is not releasing information on

injuries, but Toffoli had been seen in a walking boot.

Toffoli jumped over the boards for his first shift and scored nine seconds later. Pettersson swooped wide around Vegas defender Shea Theodore, went behind the net, then slid the puck through the crease to Toffoli for a quick wrist shot into an open net 1:29 into the game.

Vancouver then scored on the power play 9½ minutes later. Toffoli, standing behind the net, delivered a tape-to-tape pass to an incoming Horvat, who blasted it past Lehner.

The Canucks made it 4-1 just 18 seconds into the third. Horvat scored his second goal by taking Brock Boeser's backhanded pass in front and tucking it past Lehner for his eighth playoff goal.

Pearson added the final Vancouver goal into an empty net.

With Kapanen deal, Pens begin a retooling process

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The retooling of the Pittsburgh Penguins' roster has begun.

The team acquired forward Kasper Kapanen from the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday, reuniting the 24-year-old with the team that drafted him with the 22nd overall pick in 2014.

The Maple Leafs sent Kapanen, well-traveled forward Pontus Aberg and defensive prospect Jesper Lindgren to the Penguins for Pittsburgh's first-round pick in this year's draft as well as forward Evan Rodrigues, defenseman David Warsofsky and Swedish forward Filip Hallander.

"Super excited about that obviously," Kapanen said. "It's where it all began for me, which is pretty cool."

Kapanen returns to Pittsburgh after being shipped to Toronto during the 2015 offsea-

son as part of a deal that sent star forward Phil Kessel to the Penguins. Kapanen became a regular for the Maple Leafs during the 2017-18 season and posted career highs in goals (20) and assists (24) in 2018-19. Those numbers dipped slightly to 13 goals and 23 assists for Toronto during the 2019-20 season, which ended with Kapanen chipping in two assists during a qualifying-round loss to Columbus.

"Puck wasn't going in for me," Kapanen said of his recently completed season. "Overall my game was iffy."

The Penguins believe he can get it right by playing on one of the top two lines alongside either Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin.

With the core of Crosby, Malkin and Kris Letang all at least 33, Kapanen's arrival gives the Penguins some fresh legs to work with.