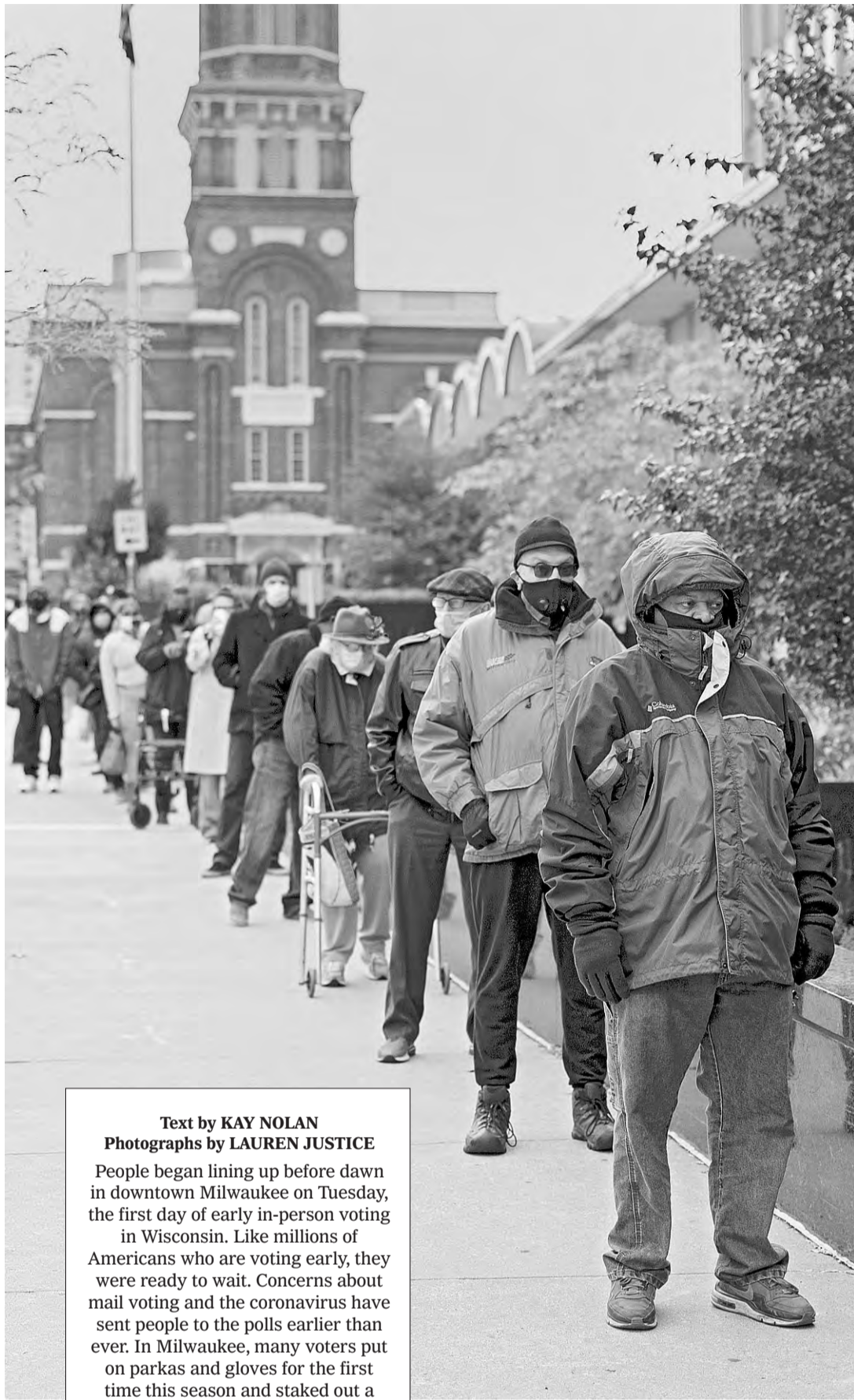


2020 Election

Hat, Gloves, Parka, Patience: Ready to Vote in Wisconsin



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People began lining up before dawn in downtown Milwaukee on Tuesday, the first day of early in-person voting in Wisconsin. Like millions of Americans who are voting early, they were ready to wait. Concerns about mail voting and the coronavirus have sent people to the polls earlier than ever. In Milwaukee, many voters put on parkas and gloves for the first time this season and staked out a spot. Here's how long they waited.



2 HOURS 15 MINUTES

"I want to get it right to the people it needs to go to," Angie Kyles said of her ballot.



1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

Denise Morris worried that lines would be longer with less social distancing on Nov. 3.



1 HOUR 25 MINUTES

"I don't like everything that Donald Trump does, but the core values are there and that's what I have to support," Julie Wu said.



2 HOURS 50 MINUTES

Jon Berlin, a psychiatrist, said this was the first time his patients had talked about politics during their sessions.



2 HOURS 40 MINUTES

Susan Hrlevich was motivated by her opposition to President Trump. "I want to stand up to him," she said.



2 HOURS 35 MINUTES

Becky Steimle said at least one of her three adult children was voting at the same time as she was, at a different location.



3 HOURS

Chrystal Gillon-Mabry said she that didn't trust mail voting and arrived early to get a good spot in line.



1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

"Unless I'm sick in the hospital and don't have a choice, I'm going to go in and vote," Alicia Miller said.



2 HOURS 20 MINUTES

Patrick Curro was downtown to drop off his application to be an election inspector on Nov. 3 and figured he might as well vote.



2 HOURS 25 MINUTES

"It's even colder in November. I just wanted to make sure my vote got in," Denise Williams said.



1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

Andres Flores-Martinez's engineering job can't be done at home and he worried about potential exposure to the coronavirus forcing him to miss Election Day.



2 HOURS

Kennedy B. Johnson marveled at senior citizens he saw waiting for hours in the cold. "A lot of folks are feeling like I'm feeling: That it was worth it," he said.